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OWEN HUGHES HITS A CENTURY.

HONGKONG'S BIG SCORE AGAINST MALAYA.

LAST FOUR WICKETS PRODUCE OVER A HUNDRED RUNS.

DOMINATING POSITION.

Hongkong were in a dominating position at the close of play against Malaya this morning, being all out for 303, and gaining a lead, therefore, of 155 runs. The side was dismissed shortly before the tiffin adjournment, the four wickets remaining overnight adding 125 runs in 110 minutes. The last wicket partnership between Bowker and Owen Hughes was the most profitable, putting on 42 runs in half an hour.

Owen Hughes earned himself the highest distinction by making a century, the first scored in an interport match since Captain E. I. M. Barrett, of Shanghai, logged Hongkong's bowlers for 146 in 1927.

The effort was one of the brightest seen on the Hongkong ground for some time past. He went in this morning 29 (not out) and made 79 out of 125 by superb cricket, hitting all round the wicket and giving no chance. He went in fifth wicket down, a critical time, and was last out, his 108 being scored out of 183. In the course of his knock, he sent the ball to the boundary on fifteen occasions, his chief scoring strokes being huge pulls to leg from the Malaya slow bowlers.

Malaya's only effective bowlers were Hopkins, Smith and Lal Singh, though Hopkins got only one wicket, that of Anderson, when the young Varsity player was getting settled down.

THE SLOW BOWLERS PUNISHED.

Bostock-Hill took the ball at the Supreme Court end when the game was resumed at 10.40 this morning in dull weather. He sent up some very slow stuff and though Owen Hughes was watching him carefully, he twice found opportunity for opening his shoulders and swooping him away to the leg boundary on each occasion. Eight runs in the first over!

Anderson shaped confidently against Smith, the fast bowler scoring a single off the first ball he received, and a moment later, after Owen Hughes had brought off a similar stroke, he banded a full toss to the member's tent, a perfectly-timed effort.

One hundred and ninety appeared on the board after only five minutes' play. Owen Hughes had made eleven and reached forty.

200 Reached.

Ten minutes from the start, three runs to Owen Hughes put 200 on the board. Twenty-two runs had been added in 10 minutes!

Neither bowler was being spared, but Bostock-Hill was suffering the heaviest punishment. Owen Hughes reached 48 runs, 19 this morning, with a splendid full to leg.

Anderson cocked one up when facing Smith, but there was no fielder within yards. The wicket was playing remarkably easy and was good for plenty of runs, as the start indicated.

Anderson offdove Smith to the Queen's Road boundary, reaching double figures after fifteen minutes.

Bowling Change.

The trouncing of Bostock-Hill led to an early change. Dr. Hopkins taking the ball. Owen Hughes singled off his second ball, but Anderson was a trifle uncomfortable. Hopkins was getting quite a lot of spin on the ball.

Owen Hughes reached his 50, and put 210 on the board by turning Smith to leg for one run. He had been batting for 65 minutes and had given no chance and had made 21 runs in 20 minutes since the resumption this morning.

At 212, Lal Singh came on at the Naval Yard end. Anderson cut him squarely for a single off his last ball.

Hopkins had radically changed his bowling tactics since the first innings of the Shanghai match. Then he was endeavouring to exploit a leg theory. To-day, he had three slips and four others on the offside.

The bowling changes had reduced the scoring rate, only three

runs having come in the last ten minutes.

Anderson Bowled.

Anderson fell a victim to Hopkins after making twelve runs, including two fours. He played inside a ball which broke in sharply from leg, taking his middle stump, 213-7-12.

Wyatt was not long in breaking his duck, turning Hopkins to leg for a single. Owen Hughes smacked a loose one by Hopkins to the public stands, bringing his total to 55, Hongkong's top score. Lal Singh sent down some loose stuff to Wyatt well off the wicket, but the Colonel failed to get hold of it.

Two hundred and twenty appeared after 190 minutes, 42 in 40 minutes to-day.

Wyatt Caught.

Wyatt hit Lal Singh for four, but was out next ball. He just touched a fast one with his gloves, after deciding to leave it alone, and was caught behind the wicket, 224-8-6.

Owen Hughes square cut Hopkins, but Reid made no attempt to score off the next three balls, obviously being under instructions to keep his end up. Owen Hughes kept the bowling by singling off Lal Singh's last ball.

Owen Hughes' Fine Batting.

Knight replaced Hopkins at 226, and Owen Hughes sent his first ball to the leg boundary, putting 230 up and bringing his total to 63, two runs better than his excellent effort against Shanghai.

Lal Singh was the only bowler capable of making him feel uncomfortable, and a maiden reeled from the youthful Sikh's next over.

Reid, who had been in for 15 minutes without scoring, fullied Knight over his shoulder for a four and then made a single off the next ball.

Four runs to Owen Hughes, three of them off Lal Singh, put 240 on the board after an hour to-day and 150 minutes yesterday.

Owen Hughes reached 70 after batting for an hour and three quarters.

Jensen came on with the total at 242, and bowled a maiden, though the ball once went for two byes.

Two More Boundaries.

Owen Hughes straight drove Knight for 4, followed with an

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ANOTHER GERMAN CAPTURED.

REDS AGAIN ATTACK
KAYING CITY.

DEFEATED & COMPELLED TO
MAKE RETREAT.

POSITION OBSCURE.

Swatow, Nov. 12.

The latest news to hand regarding the situation at Kaying shows that a second attack has been made on the city by the Communist force under the well-known leader, Chu, and that although the attackers did not succeed in entering, they captured another member of the Basel Mission.

The Mission premises are about a mile outside the city, and the story goes, with what truth is not yet certain, that the Communists, in retreating, passed the compound and succeeded in capturing a German missionary whose name is stated to be Mussig.

The Capture.

According to reports of the incident, the missionary went to the door of the compound to watch the troops passing, but did not realise who they were. He is said to have asked whether Chu had been defeated, whereupon Chu's men took him captive.

With an army in retreat, his lot will be an unenviable one, unless in the disorder which at times is likely to arise he can make good his escape.

This makes the fourth Basel Mission member to be taken prisoner in a few months, three who are still unrelieved having been captured by local Communists in August.

The Second Attack.

Regarding the second attack by Chu's forces on Kaying, it appears that after their first entry into the city Chu's men retired from it hastily, before the advance of the Swatow troops under Commissioner Chen, and in retreating was split up.

A section got away to Kiangsi, but a band of some three thousand strong remained in the neighbourhood. When the pursuing forces went through Kaying on their track, they were misdirected as to the direction by which the Communist army had gone, and left them to one side while they went up to a place called Tsia-kang.

Once they had passed, the three thousand returned, to Kaying to bleed it a second time. They were, however, held by the Government troops, of whom a small force had been left to protect the city, and their ammunition giving out they were defeated and compelled to retreat again. They went south to the border of Kaying and Fungshun districts, and established themselves in a hill fastness midway between the two district cities.

Kaying Perturbed.

Kaying city is in a state of much perturbation, and many have fled from it. The Swatow Army, the 61st Division under General Chiang Kwong-nai, who is himself in command at Sambo on the Han River, will do its best to hold and hem in the force.

In this there is every likelihood that they will be successful, at least to the extent of keeping it from the proximity of Swatow to Kiating, and probably of Kiating; but they may be unable to prevent its escape into the hills of Fungshun, to join the Communists against whom an abortive campaign was carried on last month. Although they are in considerable numbers they are only partly armed, numbers being without guns, and they are reported to be short of ammunition. The fact remains, however, that more remains to be done in clearing them up than seemed likely on the first news of the events at Kaying.—Our Own Correspondent.

COLONY SHORT OF BANKNOTES?

POLICY OF NOTE-ISSUING
BANKS CRITICISED.

TRADE HAMPERED.

Criticisms of the note-issuing Banks were voiced by a well-known banker in an interview with a Telegraph representative this morning. "The root of many of our difficulties lies in the fact that the banks will not issue a greater supply of notes," he said. "The note issue to-day is practically what it was 25 years ago, and in that interval the trade of the Colony has increased ten times over."

"You cannot have trade without a medium. We are a trading house—that is what the Colony really is, a business place. We are here to trade with China, and we cannot do this effectively without money."

"There is absolutely no reason why the note issue should not be in the hands of the Government," he continued. "The note-issuing

INTERPORT SCORE BOARD.

Hongkong Makes Top Score
of the Series.

OWEN-HUGHES' CENTURY.

Hongkong made 303 runs in reply to Malaya's total of 148. Owen-Hughes being bowled after making 103, a quarter of an hour before tiffin. The position at tiffin time was as follows:

MALAYA.—148 (Hopkins, 47; Evan Wong, 31; Bowker, 5 for 34).

HONGKONG.—1st Innings.

E. C. Fincher, b Lal Singh	15
J. E. Richardson, b Smith	2
Smith	2
Capt. J. R. Reynolds, b Smith	52
W. Bruce, c Wong, b Smith	36
Lt. W. Maxwell, b Lal Singh	21
H. Owen Hughes, b Lal Singh	108
T. E. Pearce, b Smith	7
D. J. N. Anderson, b Hopkins	12
Col. F. J. Wyatt, c Wong, b Lal Singh	6
A. Reid, lbw b Bostock	6
A. C. I. Bowker not out	11
Extras	27
Total	303

Fall of wickets: 1 for 8; 2 for 27; 3 for 115; 4 for 120; 5 for 185; 6 for 177; 7 for 213; 8 for 224; 9 for 261; 10 for 303.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hopkins	13	2	26	1
Smith	18	4	48	4
Bostock Hill	19	1	67	1
Lal Singh	18.1	3	61	4
Jensen	14	2	42	0
Knight	7	0	32	0
Smith bowled, a wide; Knight a no-ball.				

215 p.m. Scores.—Malaya 35 for 1 wicket. (Wynch, b. Reid, 15; Knight, not out, 11; Evan Wong, not out, 5).

Banks have never told us the amount of notes that have been lost since they have been in circulation. If the Government issued notes, then notes lost, or destroyed, would be a profit to the Colony.

"Until this is done not only bankers, but traders of every kind in the Colony will be dependent on the note-issuing Banks for the right to trade."

Another banker interviewed during the morning, questioned regarding the fractional rise in the dollar yesterday, pointed out that many banks are now getting short of cash, and that it is necessary for them to buy T/T for cash from other cities.

"So far as I am aware," he added, "there is no other possible explanation of the increase."

ANXIETY ON WALL STREET.

DISASTROUS DAY ON
STOCK EXCHANGE.

FEARS OF FAILURES AMONG
BROKERAGE HOUSE.

GOVERNMENT ACTION?

New York, Nov. 13.

Another sensational slump occurred on the Stock Exchange to-day and Wall Street is growing really anxious for the first time. Even the most powerful supported stocks have suffered enormous losses in face value, and frantic attempts to bolster up the Market have completely failed up to the present.

The Wall Street situation is becoming rapidly a matter of national importance. President Hoover is now taking a personal interest in the matter, and a conference on the position has been held at White House.

The Market has broken time after time when signs of improvement showed themselves. Stocks have been dropping all this week, and it was generally expected that they would hold firm at their present levels. Instead, another disastrous day was experienced. All the leading stocks were quoted at new low levels, and some of them, such as United States Steels, have dropped nearly a hundred points in the past three weeks or so of frenzied selling.

Fears of Failures.

Fears are now entertained that some of the "big brokerage houses" will be unable to stand up against the pressure, and special precautionary measures have been taken.

No failures have occurred up to the present time among the brokerage houses, but the Governors of the Stock Exchange are daily tightening their requirements, and have now instructed all the Members of the Exchange to file daily a detailed return of their position.

This is a measure which has not been considered necessary since the hectic days of 1917.

\$50,000,000 Bid!

Something of a sensation was caused during the afternoon when it was learned that a bidder, whose name was not disclosed, had bid for a million shares of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey at \$50 per share. This particular stock closed at 50%.

Traders, though lacking any reliable information, presume that the bid was for the Rockefeller interests.

The report did not get into circulation until after the close of the Stock Market, but it caused a late flurry on the Cotton Market, which shot up nearly twenty points in the last quarter of an hour.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Washington Conference.

Washington, Nov. 13.

President Hoover, Mr. Andrew Mellon, the head of the Treasury Department, and Mr. Roy Young, the Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board, conferred to-day on the Wall Street situation.

No statement has been issued, but great importance is attached in Washington to the conference.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DEAD SEA SALT CONCESSION.

DRAFT AGREEMENT UNDER
CONSIDERATION.

London, Nov. 13.

In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Lunn, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, was asked whether the draft agreement with Mr. Novomestsky for the Dead Sea concessions, whose terms were given in a White Paper issued three days before the dissolution of the late Parliament, had now been ratified.

Mr. Lunn replied that a preliminary agreement was signed on May 22nd. The final draft of the concession was now under consideration.—*British Wireless.*

SHANGHAI SWEEP DISPUTE.

JOCKEY REFUSES TO AGREE
TO REDUCTION.

LITIGATION LIKELY.

Shanghai, Nov. 14.

A dispute has arisen here in regard to the first prize in the Shanghai Champions sweepstake in connection with the Kiangwan Race Club.

Mr. Day, the Secretary of the Club, approached on the matter, explained that he sold the winning number from his own lot of five hundred numbers, a condition being that he should share in any prize that might be won.

Mr. Koo, a prominent jockey, refuses to accept a reduction of \$80,000, and has lodged a complaint with the Stewards of the Race Club.

It is noteworthy that the real holder of the ticket is Mr. Sih, a wealthy Singapore Chinese, who reluctantly purchased the ticket after persuasion.

The dispute is being keenly followed, and it is likely that litigation will take place before the issue is finally decided.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

ARSENAL "FIND" IN HOTEL.

300 MACHINE-GUNS AMONG
OTHER ARMS.

SHANGHAI MYSTERY.

Shanghai, Nov. 14.

A miniature arsenal has been discovered in a store room of the Yuan Kee Hotel, and the find has given rise to all manner of rumours as to the purpose for which the arms were to be used.

In all, no fewer than three hundred machine-guns, several hundred pistols, and other weapons have been unearthed so far.

On the discovery being made, the Hotel Manager, in a state of fright, notified the authorities, and he was able to give some information regarding the manner in which the arms reached the hotel.

According to the Manager's statement, a mysterious Chinese youth, wearing a black patch over his eye, brought the weapons to the hotel. The black patch indicates that the man is a member of a secret Revolutionary Society.

The police now have the matter in hand and are doing their utmost to get to the bottom of the matter. Visits are being paid by the police to other Hotels, in a search for similar dumps.

Meanwhile, the matter is arousing much attention locally.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

PRIME MINISTER OF IRAQ SHOT.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH
NOT REVEALED.

Bagdad, Nov. 13.

A sensation has been caused by the discovery of the body of the Prime Minister of Iraq, Sir Abdul Muhsein. Death was caused by a gunshot wound for which, at the moment, there is no explanation.—*Reuter.*

(Sir Abdul Muhsein Beg al Sa'dun first became Prime Minister in 1922, holding the office for a year. In 1924 he succeeded Yasin Pasha, taking office again on June 28, 1925. In the following month the first Iraq Parliament was opened by King Feisal. In 1926 Sir Abdul Muhsein was displaced by Jafar Pasha, but again resumed the office about the middle of last year. He was also Minister for Foreign Affairs.)

SAFEGUARDING CREWS OF SUBMARINES.

APPARATUS FOR USE WHEN
CRAFT SINK.

London, Nov. 13.

In the House of Commons, Sir A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, said arrangements were being made to purchase sufficient rats to equip all officers and men in submarines with apparatus which should afford individual members of the crews a safe chance of escaping from sunken submarines, and reaching the surface.—*British Wireless.*

SINGAPORE BASE DECISION.

EXCITEMENT IN HOUSE
OF COMMONS.

WORK TO BE SLOWED DOWN
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

OPPOSITION ATTACK.

London, Nov. 13.

The Conservative side of the House of Commons buzzed with excitement this afternoon when, in answer to questions, Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, announced that the Government proposed to slow down work on the Singapore Base as much as possible until after the five-power naval conference in January.

The Tories fired question after question at the Minister regarding the announcement, demanding particularly to know the attitude of the Dominions.

In the course of the lengthy discussion, Mr. Alexander pointed out that the Labour Administration in 1924 decided to abandon the base at Singapore, and said that directly they came into power again they gave attention to the continuation of construction work.

New Situation.

They found that the action of the Conservative Government in the interim had altered the position very materially. A floating dock had already been provided at heavy expense and, in September, 1928, a contract was signed for the building of a large graving dock at a cost of approximately £4,000,000.

Moreover, the bulk of the expense had, up to the present time, been met by the contributions from Hongkong, the Federated Malay States and New Zealand, which to the end of the present financial year amounted to £2,113,000, together with the free gift of the site by the Straits Settlements.

Conference Effects?

The decision of the naval conference in January, however, might materially affect the question of the use to which the base could be put and, under these circumstances the Government had decided that the work already contracted for at Singapore was to be slowed down as much as possible.

All work that can be suspended is to be suspended and no new work is to be embarked upon pending the decisions of the naval conference.

Asked whether the Dominions had been consulted regarding the decision, Mr. Alexander said: "Yes, they have been notified (Opposition cries of "Oh!") and there was no reason to suppose that the nature of the answer he had given was out of harmony with the immediate view of the Dominions."

String of Questions.

A string of questions followed Mr. Alexander's announcement. Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) suggested the possibility of a "break clause" in the construction contracts to allow for possible eventualities.

Mr. Alexander said he would require notice before making a statement of Government policy in this connection, but he stated that the question of compensation would undoubtedly arise.

Replying to Mr. Graham White (Liberal), the First Lord of the Admiralty said that no steps had been taken involving the fortification of Singapore.

"False Pretences."

Questions were pressed for the view of the Dominions, and Mr. Alexander explained that they had been notified several times. Eventually he said, "I should not want a little longer before giving a definite answer." He said he knew whether the "break clause" was in the "break clause" from other parts of the Empire were being spent under false pretences, and whether the Government's policy was not "penny wise, pound foolish." No answer was given.—*Reuter.*

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SUMMONSES DROPPED.

CASES OF ASSAULT AGAINST PORTUGUESE GIRLS.

Permission to withdraw summonses was applied for by Mr. J. M. Remedios, who appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, yesterday afternoon, on behalf of Elizabeth Mendonça in a prosecution against Edwarda Kinolo, Bella Kinolo and Carlotta Young, who were severally summoned for assault.

The defendants were all represented by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall.

Mr. Remedios remarked that, for family reasons, he was instructed to withdraw the summonses. He mentioned that he had seen the complainant's mother for the first time prior to the sitting of the Court. He wanted to say that it was not through want of evidence that he was withdrawing but purely for family reasons.

Mr. Rendall, in reply to his Worship, said that he had nothing to say except that he had a complete answer to the summonses and that only one of the girls had been in any way implicated in the affair although he did not say that she struck any blow.

His Worship remarked that he was glad the summonses were being withdrawn because he thought that the parties were hardly the sort of people who wished to be found figuring in a Police Court.

The summonses were allowed to be withdrawn.

FIFTY YEARS' GAOL.

SENTENCE ON "UNOFFICIAL PROHIBITION OFFICER."

Chandler, Oklahoma, Nov. 13. Jeff Harris, described as an "unofficial prohibition enforcement officer," has been convicted of manslaughter in the first degree of Oscar Lowery, and has been sentenced to fifty years' imprisonment.

No liquor was found in Lowery's premises.

The Judge said Harris's deed was inexcusable, and disagreed with the jury's action in reducing the charge from one of murder.

Jeff Harris is not related to James Harris, who was with Lowery at the time. The evidence showed that James Harris and Lowery did not know that Jeff Harris was an officer, and naturally resented his intrusion. — *Reuter's American Service.*

[The case arose from a shooting affair, in which Lowery lost his life, which occurred when Jeff Harris made a raid on the former's premises.]

THE WATER SUPPLY.

DECREASE OF FORTY-FOUR MILLION GALLONS.

The total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 11th November, amounted to 1,655.60 million gallons showing a decrease of 43.98 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 7.57 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 51.55 million gallons.

Kowloon Supply.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 11th November, amounted to 515.46 million gallons showing an increase of .82 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 25.87 million gallons, not including 1.80 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Lai Chi Kok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 28.58 million gallons.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF SISTER OF THE EX-KAISER.

Bonn, Nov. 13. The death is announced of Frau Zoubkoff, the sister of the ex-Kaiser, who has been suffering for several days past with pleurisy.

Reconciled to Sister.

Bonn, later.

Only the nurses were with Frau Zoubkoff when she died. Her last words were spoken to her brother-in-law, the Grand Duke of Hesse, in English, which she always used when possible.

Her sister, the Grand Duchess, visited the hospital where the Princess died. She became reconciled to her early in the week after a separation caused by the marriage with Zoubkoff two years ago. — *Reuter.*

[An earlier message stated that the ex-Kaiser was in frequent communication with the hospital and that while he was desirous of seeing her, certain obstacles prevented him from doing so.]

Victoria Zoubkoff, the princess who married a Russian adventurer, was born in April, 1860. Her father was the then Prussian Crown Prince, later the German Emperor Frederick III and her mother Princess Victoria daughter of Queen Victoria of England. In the '80's her engagement to Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, one of the Battenberg princes, was looked at askance by Bismarck who thought such a marriage would mean trouble with Russia. The Chancellor strongly opposed it and it was broken off in 1887, but after the death of Kaiser Wilhelm I the Empress Frederick attempted to renew it. The Crown Prince, later Wilhelm II intervened, however, in support of Bismarck with the result that the project was abandoned.

In Nov. 1890, Princess Victoria married Prince Adolf of Schaumburg-Lippe. After his death in 1918 she lived in the Schaumburg Palace at Bonn which belongs to her nephew, the former Prince of Schaumburg-Lippe.

In 1927 she made the acquaintance of a young Russian, ex-ile Alexander Zoubkoff, who came of a noble family and during the revolution had fled from the Bolsheviks after working as a seaman and a dish-washer he happened to visit Bonn. In Oct. the princess became engaged to him. In spite of the objections of her brother, the ex-Kaiser, and of the head of the house of Schaumburg-Lippe the princess, who was 61, married Zoubkoff, though she was old enough to be his grandmother. The wedding took place in Nov. Considerable comment was aroused by the fact that she wore her mother's lace veil, a priceless heirloom which bore the arms of the English royal family. The couple spent their honeymoon on a motorcycle tour, the princess riding on the pillion. The bride declared that she felt as if she were only 25. Very fond of sport, she took long walks, played tennis, swam and danced.

In Feb. 1928, the pair arrived in Berlin where they proposed to settle. Having savagely assaulted an attendant in a night bar, Zoubkoff was taken to a police station for examination. Next day he was fined £25 for living in Germany without a permit, as he was not a German subject. The barrister having claimed £150 damages, a bailiff entered the Zoubkoffs' rooms to sequester goods to that value in case Zoubkoff disappeared before the hearing. But only a suit of clothes and two empty trunks were found. It was asserted in the Berlin press that the princess had taken steps to dissolve the community of property existing with Zoubkoff and that a lawyer had been asked to take over the administration of her property. She denied, however, that anything had occurred to cloud her married life or that she contemplated dissolving the union, adding that there was

EDUCATION JOURNAL.

VALUABLE WORK OF H.K. UNIVERSITY.

The current issue of the Education Journal of the local University is further tangible evidence of that institution's increasing activity, which is to its own advantage as well as to that of the Colony as a whole. The Education Society, of which this Journal is the official organ, is very much alive and doing good work for local students and teachers in various branches of their work.

In this number, the fourth, the contents are numerous and varied and of a high standard of excellence for journals of this kind. As is to be expected of a university situated on the confines of China, chief place is given to studies on Chinese language and culture. We would specially commend Mr. Fenwick's brief but carefully written article on "The Chinese Written Language," Mr. Liang's "Why China has Produced no Science," and, for those specially interested in the peculiarities and intricacies of the Chinese ideograph, Father Finn's study on "The Hand and its Function in Chinese Characters."

Dr. Herklots contributes an interesting article on "The Study of Biology" in which he outlines the value of this branch of scientific study to the student, the administrator, and to that much maligned citizen, the business man. Dr. Herklots' philosophy is not as strong as his biology, but it is as a biologist that he claims our attention, and he makes out a good case.

Mr. Mak Sui-pat's "Notes on [English] Pronunciation" are extremely good and quite comprehensive. He might with advantage, however, have made more of the / and v, s and sh, sound and the difficulties of such combinations as with, division, etc., and similar common words. It seems to us that good speaking must be built on careful imitation with the sentence as the unit of speech and the activity dissociated from symbols of any kind. Reading as such is begun much too soon.

Attention is drawn to Mrs. Southern's well-written but spontaneous contribution on "The Guide Movement." Professor Robertson's "Education in E-est," Professor Forster's timely and sane estimate of the place of the fine arts in the University curriculum, and Miss Decker's sympathetic treatment of "The Open-air Nursery School," Professor Simpson's lecture on the "Cypripedium" of Xenophon is a model of the type of work that is well within the scope of the ordinary Chinese university student. One book studied in this way is worth a library of classics cursorily thumbed and 'read about' in guides and encyclopedias.

Altogether a very stimulating journal worthy of its place of origin and deserving of more than casual perusal by all interested in laying the foundations of an enlightened community. We congratulate the Education Society and the Editor of its Journal on successful co-operation with the University and trust that their efforts will receive the necessary support from the general public whom it seeks to serve. — *W. L. H.*

no truth in the reports about her finances.

Mrs. Joseph Choate.

New York, Nov. 13. The death has occurred, at the age of 92, of Mrs. Joseph Choate. Her husband was Joseph Hodges Choate, the noted lawyer and diplomatist. — *Reuter's American Service.*

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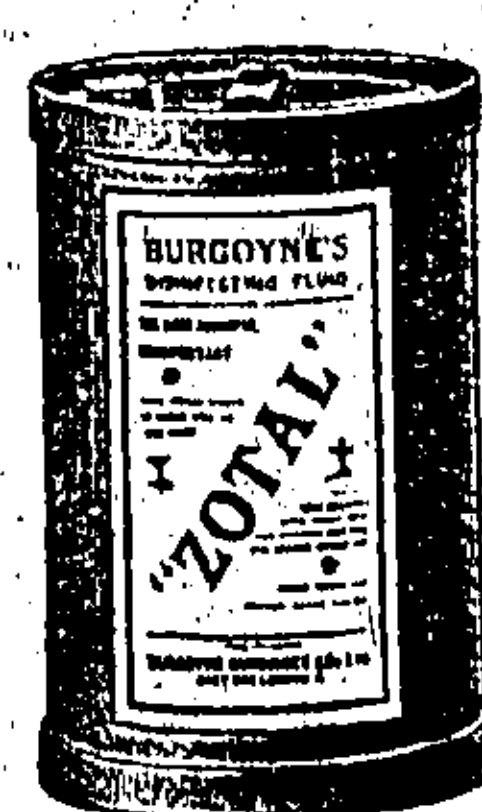


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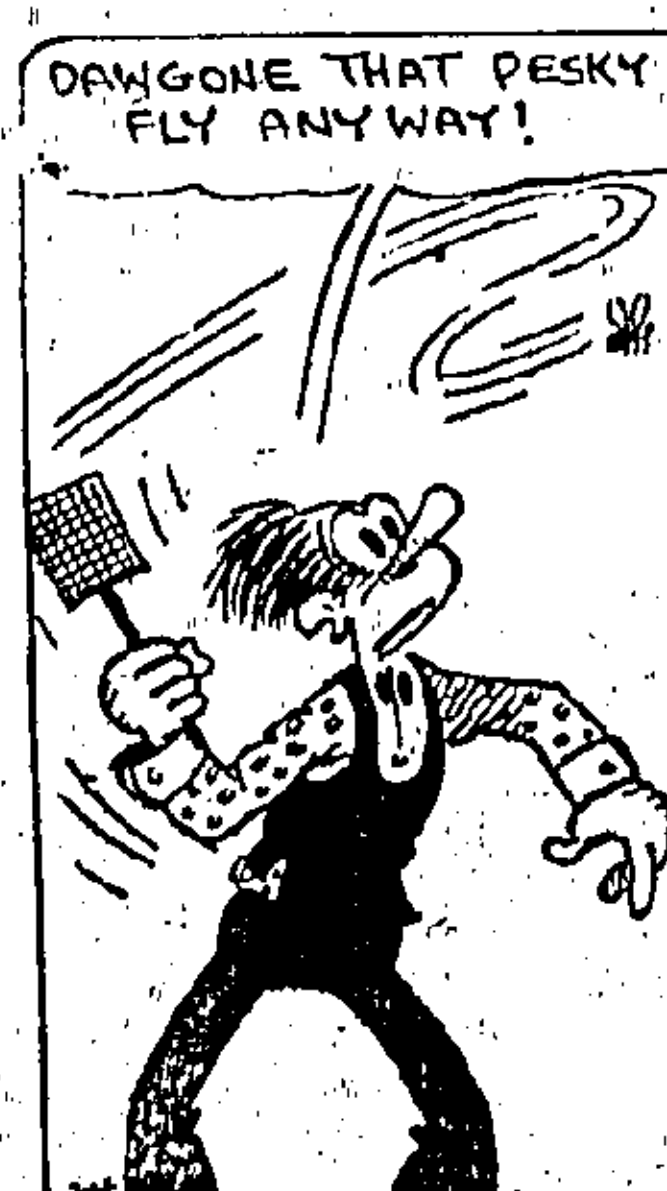
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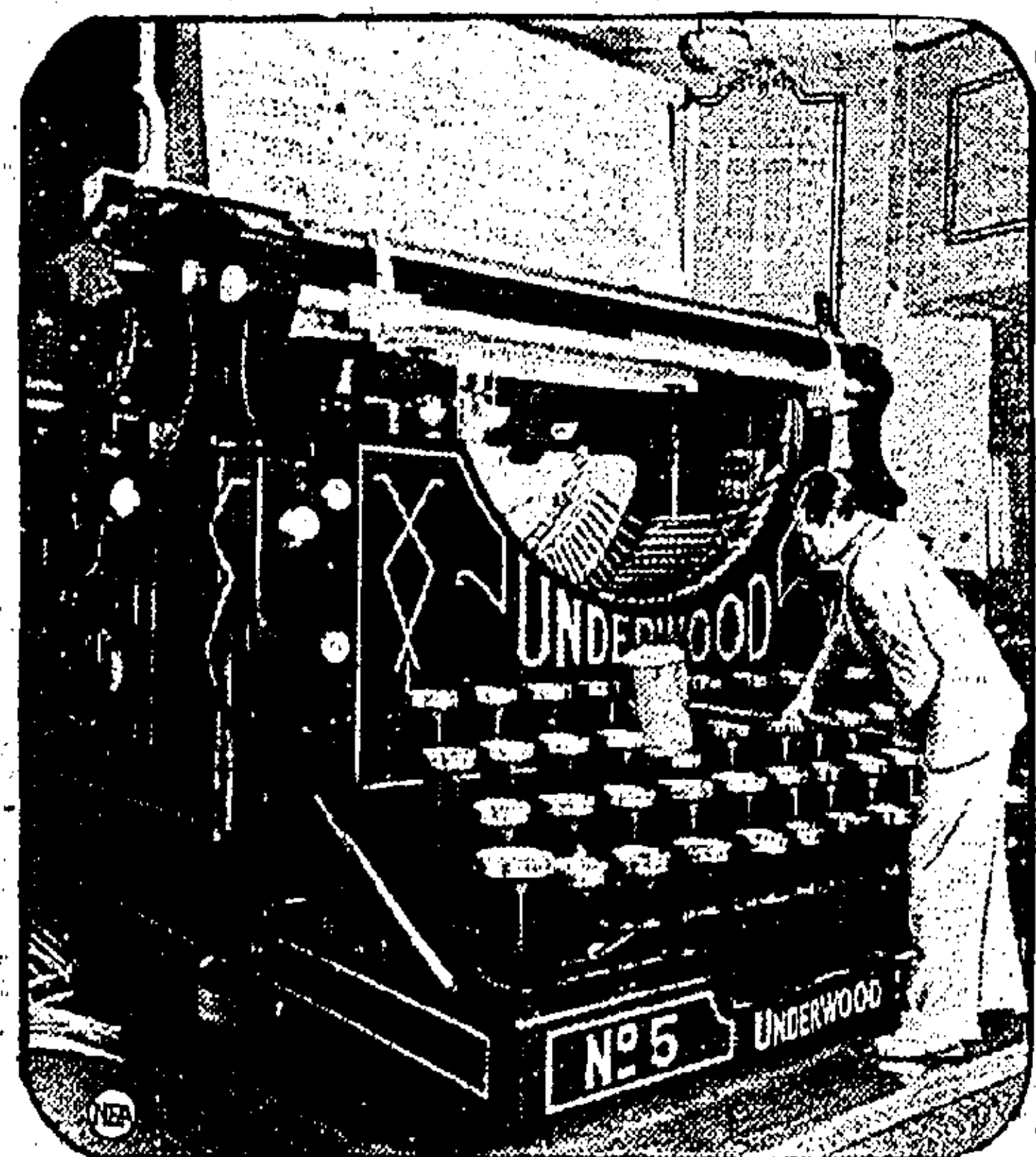


By Small





Disgruntled because their leader was compelled to take a hurried departure, Chinese caddies at the Race Course struck work recently. The breach, however, was filled by Russians whose offer to replace the Chinese at the same rate of remuneration was promptly accepted. The photograph shows a number of the "strikers," while bottom picture shows seven of the Russian caddies with two golfers.



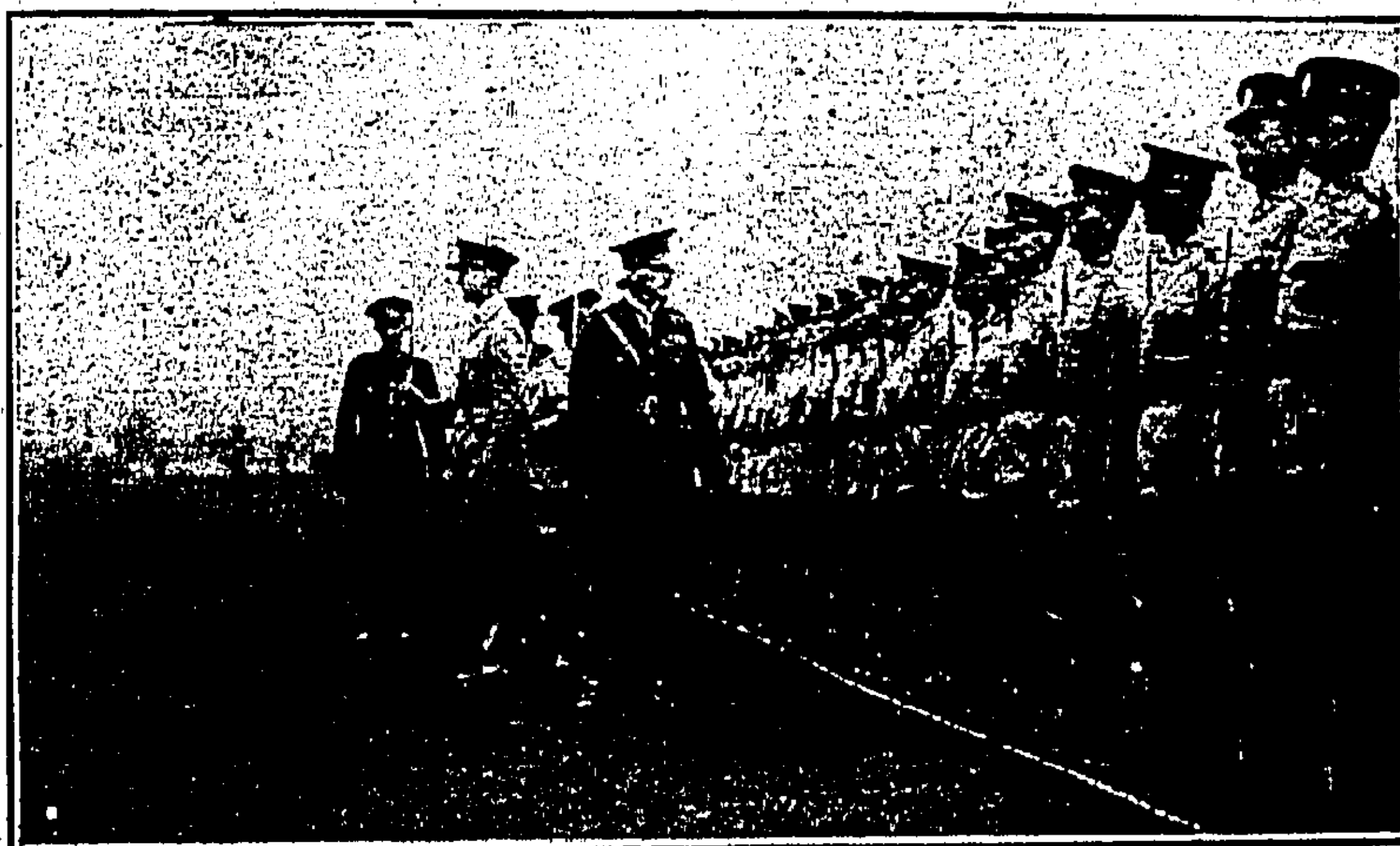
A huge typewriter built for the international type-writing contest which was held at Toronto last month. The holder of the record, Mr. Tangora, is literally hammering out an invitation to Lord Willingdon, the Governor-General of Canada to attend the contest.



A new picture of the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his eldest daughter, Miss Isabel MacDonald, who accompanied her father on his visit to the United States. She acts as hostess at No. 10 Downing street.



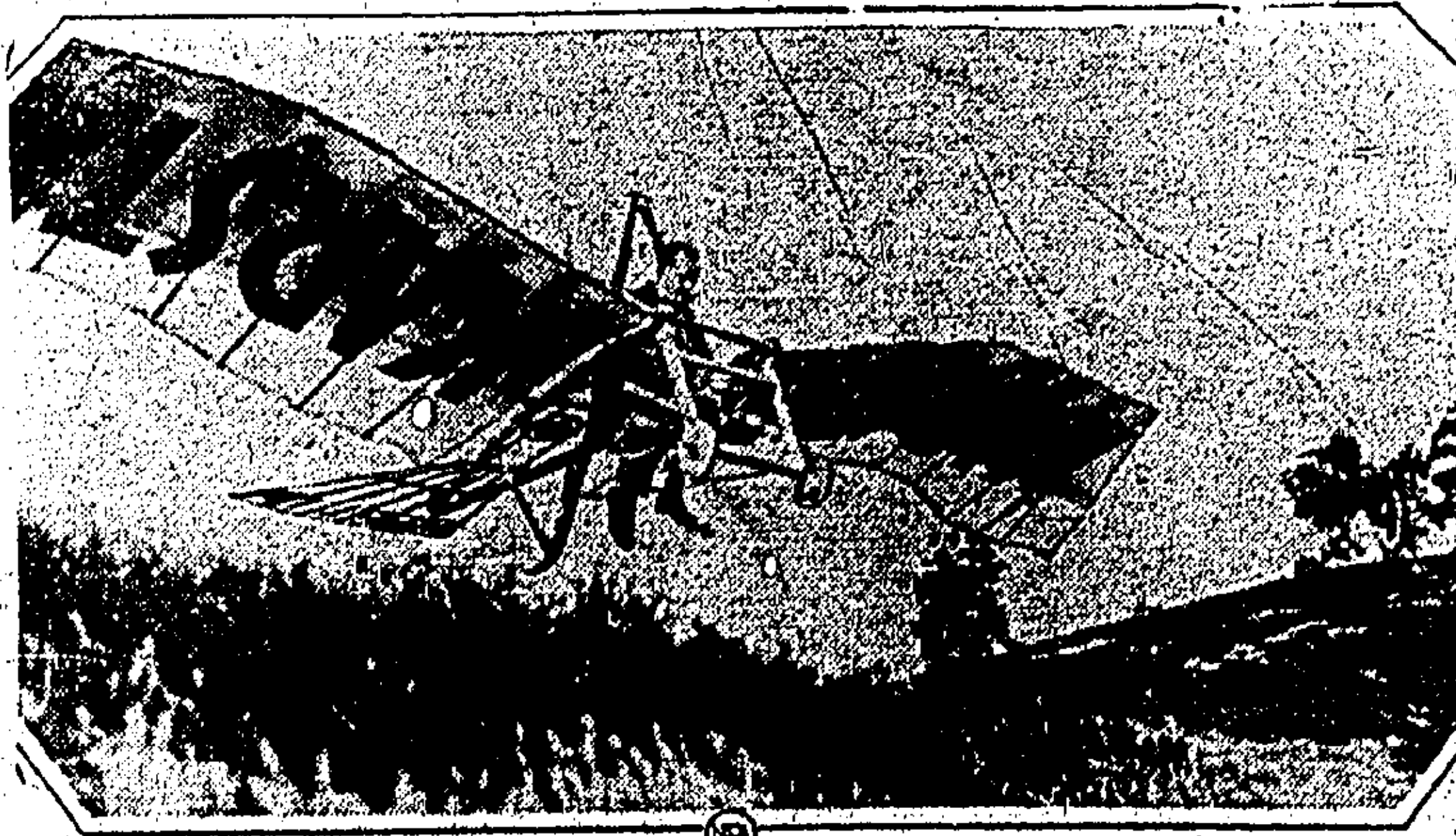
When America's first pyjama parade was held in California recently, these two young ladies captured first and second prizes and the cheers of the crowd for their colourful but comfortable attire. Evelyn Staler, left, won first prize and Lois Stephens was runner-up.



Brigadier O.C. Borrett inspecting the 1st Batta. The Norfolk Regiment at the Race Course Shanghai, on the occasion of the Battalion's last parade before leaving for India.



Picture taken on the historic occasion of the signing of the agreement at The Hague setting the time for the evacuation of the Rhineland. Mr. Arthur Henderson is shown at the right reading the terms of the agreement.



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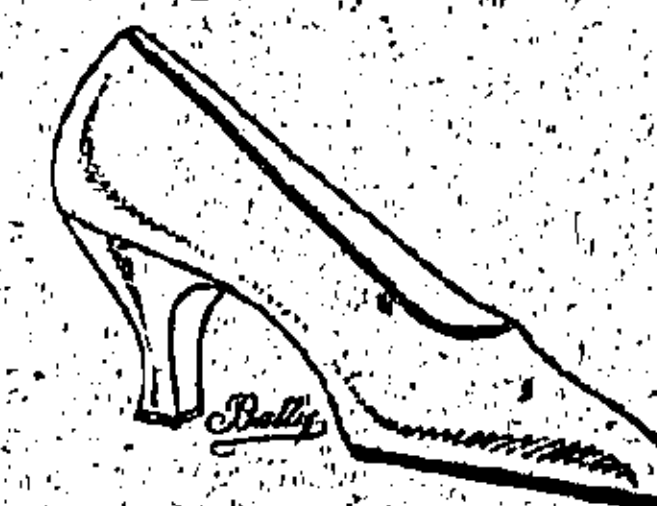
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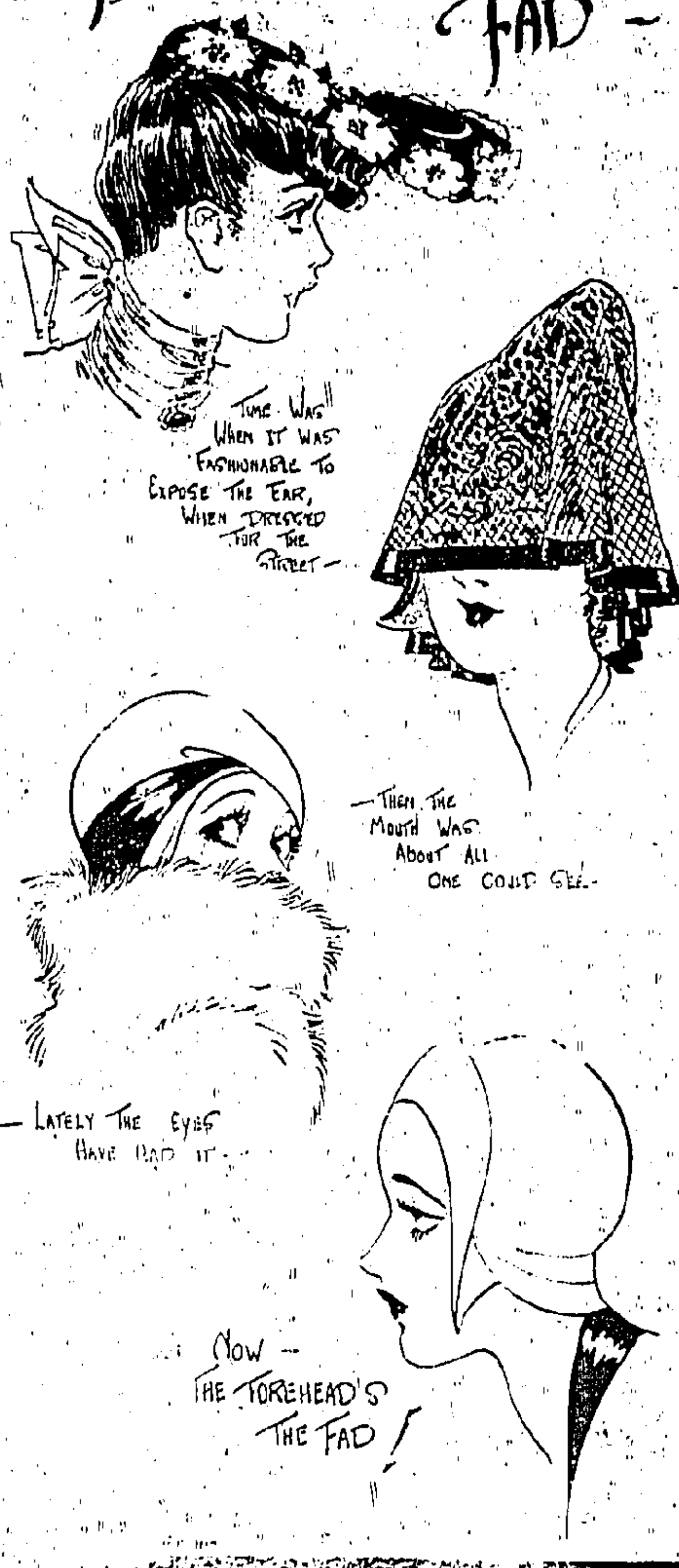
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Fashion Notes.

THE POPULARITY OF BLACK.

Why is it that the Parisienne still clings to black despite the exquisite colours which the dressmakers have introduced for her special benefit this season? She has the choice of every imaginable colour, from any of the pale pastel shades to vivid reds or greens, yet it was remarked the other evening at a well-known restaurant, that quite half the women present were wearing black.

One reason, of course, is that some of the dressmakers this season showed more black frocks than those of any other colour in their collections, certain of a favourable response from their French clientele at least.

The smart French woman seems to prefer this shade to any other, and certainly there are few which become her so well, for she invariably knows how to wear it, and, on her, its smartness is not to be questioned.

Skirts, well covering the knees and of the wrap-over order, worn with a well-tailored coat, were to the fore at the fashion-parade in the Avenue du Bois on a recent Sunday morning, the great day for women, who, after Mass like to show off their best clothes.

It was noticed that blouse collarettes turned over the lapels of the jackets, and that nearly every woman sported a flower in her buttonhole, a gardenia, a carnation, or a chrysanthemum.

Furs of every description, but particularly white fox, were worn with most costumes.

It appears certain that the vogue for furs will continue throughout the year, though the kinds will vary as the season progresses. Fox, however, is expected to reign unchallenged throughout the autumn months. Coloured gloves to match or to contrast sharply with the general colour-design of the get-up were a novelty, and some of them were most artistically hand-painted with designs most original in character. Shoes in some cases were coloured, and sported scarlet heels.



A gay green and beige plaid taffeta coat-boussie tops a green skirt. Fancy buttons decorate it.

Colour Schemes.

CAPIES FOR EVENING GOWNS.

One fashion noticed among the autumn collections is that of the cape. It is such a becoming accessory to a dress that its reappearance is not surprising.

It is two or three years since we wore these little detachable capes at the back. This season the idea is the same, but since dressmakers boast that they never repeat themselves, the materials and cut are slightly different.

There is certainly something very distinctive about a cape. Its straight folds from the shoulder give a stout woman grace and line, and emphasise a slim figure. When the chilly days come, these capes will be ideal for flinging round the shoulders at the dancers, when resting from dancing.

They are extremely easy to make at home, and for the girl who has to spend carefully, crepe-de-chine, or wool crepe-de-chine, are useful mediums for this purpose. To be

really smart these little capes ought to be in black.

Startling Evening Models.

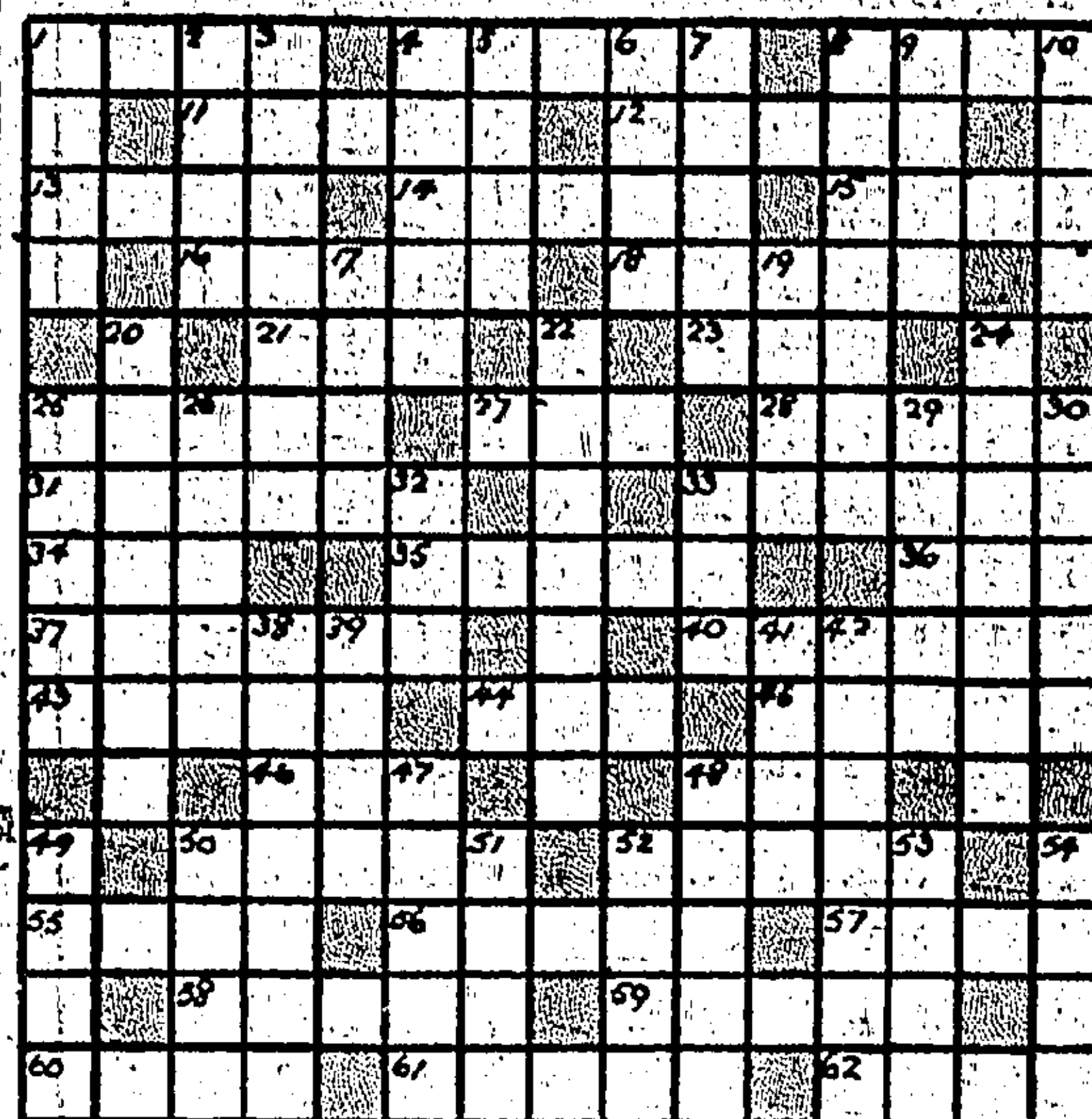
The back is still important, whether in hats or gowns this autumn. As far as dresses go, especially evening dresses, many designers seem to have concentrated almost entirely on the back of them. Decolletees, for example, are sometimes far more interesting when the mannequin is walking away from you, for it is then seen how different a gown can look when viewed from behind.

Frocks cut almost to the waist have been seen frequently, but that fact alone was not sufficient from the dressmakers' point of view. No, there was often an additional touch giving the back of a frock a far more important air than the front, which was often quite plain.

Every couturiere of note has introduced something fresh in this way to his or her evening models.

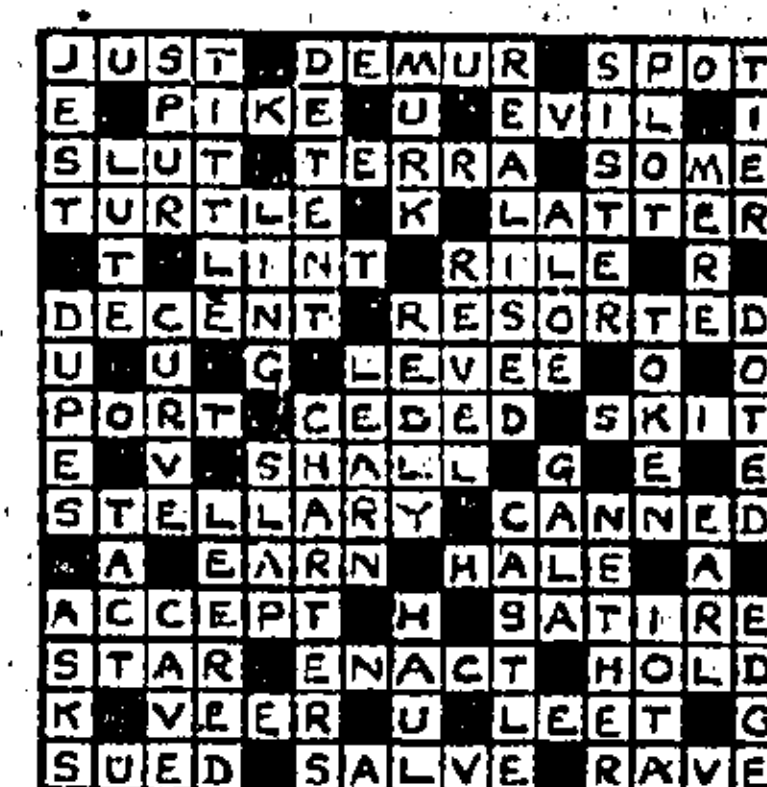
Many of these new gowns are difficult to wear. Colour schemes are an important item in the new collections, and some exquisite tints have been introduced—tints so pale as almost to give the impression of being faded. The results, however, are really charming.

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 - 37 Main boom.
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 - 44 Loose.
 - 45 Fleshy fruit.
 - 48 From.
 - 49 Strong-doing.
 - 50 Substance found in plants.
 - 52 Upper room.
 - 55 Legal claim.
 - 56 Hut.
 - 57 Orient.
 - 58 Experienced prolonged pain.
 - 59 Large ape.
 - 60 Terrible.
 - 61 Vouchsafe.
 - 62 Limit.
- Down
- 1 Child.
 - 2 Joins by stitches.
 - 3 Kingfisher.
 - 4 Commenced.
 - 5 Desert nomad.
 - 6 Curtail.
 - 7 Reverence.
 - 8 Suite.
 - 9 Approach.
 - 10 Pledge.
 - 17 Ascended.
 - 19 Seasoning substance.
 - 20 Having on.
 - 22 Generous.
 - 24 Teller.
 - 25 Hauls.
 - 26 Bishop's hat.
 - 29 Repulse.
 - 30 Charming woman.
 - 32 Beetle.
 - 33 Woeful.
 - 38 Guard.
 - 39 Goes astray.
 - 41 Cast out.
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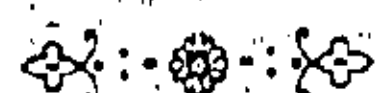
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THURSDAY NOV. 14, 1929.

GAMBLING.

Although the Hongkong law on
the subject of gambling is quite
clear and unambiguous, there is a
good deal that is anomalous in its
enforcement. That point was well
illustrated yesterday, during the
hearing of a case in which two
Chinese were convicted of keeping
a common gaming house and of
printing announcements relating
to a lottery run in Macao. The
magistrate trying the case expressed
the view that there was very
little to differentiate this case
from the common practice in the
Colony of announcing the results
of sweepstakes on racing, and the
police were compelled to admit
that the difference was very
slight. Strictly speaking, we
imagine, one is as much an offence
as the other, although there are
considerations to be taken into
account which, on analysis, will be
found to explain why prosecutions
are made in the one case and not
in the other.

Stated on general grounds, the
attitude of the authorities here
towards gambling is that there
can be no toleration of organised
gaming houses run for private
gain. That is a wise policy, for
there cannot be the slightest
doubt that where gambling is offi-
cially recognised it becomes in
course of time a great evil and
leads to untold misery. This
Colony cannot hope, indeed, no
place can, to stamp out gambling
completely, for so long as human
nature is what it is, there will
always be ways and means found
of having a "flutter." The essen-
tial thing is to control the evil and
keep it within bounds. That, in
the main, is what the Government
here attempts to do. If the law
were enforced to the letter, the
police would have little time to
devote to any other matter, and
what is more, every church or
social institution which ran a
raffle would be liable to prosecution,
whilst those making known
the results of such raffles would
also find themselves in trouble.
That much is quite clear from the
text of the local Ordinance dealing
with gambling, gaming houses
and lotteries. Under that Ordinance,
a lottery is described as any
game or method whereby money,

or money's worth, is distributed in
any manner depending upon or
determined by chance or lot, or the
result of any race or contest. It
will thus be seen that church
raffles, sweepstakes on races and
such devices come well within the
law, whilst the additional provision
that it is illegal to declare the
winners, in any form whatever,
shows how easy it would be to
proceed against people organising
these things. Fortunately, how-
ever, a liberal view is taken in ap-
plying the law; otherwise, many
of the Colony's leading citizens in
all communities might find them-
selves up before the magistrate!

Whilst we would not for a mo-
ment suggest that there be any
marked departure from present
policy, there is one respect in
which we should like to see a
little more latitude shown. We
refer to cases in which poor Chinese
are sometimes brought before
the Court for indulging in a quiet
little "flutter" in the streets, with
a few copper cash at stake. There
can be no real harm in such
doings, providing the participants
are not otherwise making a nuisance
of themselves. Moreover, there is
no question of organised gam-
bling for private gain, and the
amusement which the gamblers
get out of the game is sufficient
to show that they enjoy the
little pastime. As we have
said, ends will be served so long
as Hongkong prevents the growth
of organised gambling. That is
as much as can be reasonably ex-
pected.

Unemployment Figures.

In publishing employment as
well as unemployment figures, the
Labour Government presents a
much clearer view of the indus-
trial situation in Britain than was
possible under the old method. The
latest statistics reveal, for instance,
that while over 50,000 have been
thrown out of work in the past
month, and while over a million
and a quarter are now regular
visitors at the various Labour
Exchanges throughout the country,
there are 250,000 more persons
actually working than at the same
time last year, and that the seasonal
fluctuation has not been so great
as nearly 100,000. The ex-
planation is simple and gratifying
to a large extent. The higher em-
ployment figures are not due to
artificial stimulus of industrial
enterprise by the Government, but
to the ability of industry to ab-
sorb the new generation coming
along, the boys leaving school.
Happily also, there is evidence to
show that great numbers of these
youths are getting the right training
for the future, that parents are
realising more than ever before the
importance of giving their sons a
profession and are obtaining for
them apprenticeship articles. It
is only necessary to scan the ad-
vertisement columns of the London
journals to realise that industry
to-day is in need of skilled work-
ers. Only a few days ago we
observed a whole page of small ad-
vertisements in a popular daily,
all of them referring to situations
vacant, ninety per cent. of them
stipulating that applicants must
be tradesmen. A large proportion
of the remainder offered ap-
prenticeships to boys leaving
school. The inference, therefore,
is that the large number of unem-
ployed in Great Britain belong to
the great army of unskilled labour-
ers, and that the big development
schemes proposed by Mr. J. H.
Thomas, road-making, canalisa-
tion, the Charing Cross bridge and
railway station and so on, are best
calculated to meet the needs of the
moment. The outlook is brighter
than the bare unemployment fig-
ures would lead us to believe. A
little patience is necessary, that
is all.

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To-night's Concert—Victor
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[BY "ALLEGRO"]

An unusually good programme
of music is announced for the
concert at the Cathedral Hall at
9.15 this evening. We seldom, if
ever, hear a Beethoven trio in
Hongkong but to-night two move-
ments of the Fourth Trio will be
played by Messrs. Harry Ore, J.
P. Macnair and C. Bonenfant.
Major Macnair will play two move-
ments of the Franck Sonata with
which he delighted the Helena May
audience last week, the piano part
on this occasion being taken by
Harry Ore, in place of Mme.
Bonenfant. This lady will how-
ever be heard in Rimsky-Kor-
sakov's *Spanish Capriccio*, playing
it with Mr. Ore as a duet. As it
is written for an orchestra they
must expect the criticisms some-
times put forward in such cases
about the futility of reproducing
orchestral works on a piano. I do
not suppose they mind them, know-
ing that this duet will probably
be one of the most effective items
on the programme. In addition
to piano solos and alto solos, Mrs.
J. D. Valentine and Mr. Li Chor-ehi
will give some songs, and as these
are two of our best singers the
whole programme represents a
collection of talent that is seldom
concentrated in one performance.
The concert is arranged by Mr.
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One of last month's Victor
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with the famous *War March of the
Priests* on the other side of the
disc.

Elman's record of *Bach's Air for
G String* and a Martinelli solo from
"Samson and Delilah" are
celebrity peaches this month. As
a contrast to these, we have Mc-
Cormack's latest, a sentimental
Little Pal, a sloopy, sentimental
type of the "Mother O'Mine"
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unforgivable libel on Chopin, in
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fiddle-bits which would make
Chopin turn in his grave!

Out of a large batch of dance
records, the most melodious are:
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Green Jeanne, I'm writing from
memory) and *My Song of the Nile*
(Waltz).
There is a small H.M.V. piano re-
cord at Moutrie's which should sell
out. It is one of Moiseiwitsch play-
ing a charming piece of Rameau's,
Little Rocco, and Ibert's *quintet*.
White Donkey on the other side.
The imitation of an "E-aw" at the
end of this piece is as ingenious as
any mimicking done by Saint-
Saens in his *Carnival of Animals*.

People to whom the orchestral
music at cinemas matters a great
deal in their enjoyment of a film
must have appreciated the excel-
lent music provided as part of the
first "talkie" heard in Hongkong.
The soft music accompanying the
talking, the good orchestral play-
ing during the silent sections and
the excellent dance band in the
cabaret scene were so much bet-
ter than we are accustomed to hear
that some people derived perhaps
more enjoyment from the musical
side of the "talkie" than any
other. This does not however
belittle the standard of the pre-
sent Queen's Theatre orchestra.
Under the direction of M.
Bakalnikoff it has made vast
 strides and its playing of the
Zampa Overture the other evening
was the best that we have ever
heard in a local cinema. For
years past there have been period-
ical complaints in the press about
the playing of this orchestra, but
they have not been voiced in these
Jottings as I have always felt that
with the talent available the re-
sults were as good as could be
expected. Whether the new con-
ductor has made any changes in
the personnel I do not now, but he
has certainly made them into a
good miniature orchestra and his
personality seems to fire all the
players.

Would it be possible, one wonders,
for the Somerset Light Infantry
band to secure a better selection
of war-time ditties for the next
occasion when Armistice or simi-
lar celebrations are foot? Here
are a few suggestions: Pack up
your Trouble, There's a Long Long

DAY BY DAY.

THE BOY WHO HAS A SISTER TO
TONE HIM DOWN, MAKES A BETTER
MAN THAN THE ONE WHO HAS NONE.
—John K. Corrie.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlimes,
from Home and Straits ports, is
due here on the 18th instant.

Mr. J. Russell will speak on
"Idols and their Worship" at the
weekly public lecture of the Hong-
kong Lodge, The Theosophical
Society, to-day at 6 p.m.

The police have asked us to
announce that a string of pearls
was found in the city yesterday.
Any person wishing to claim it,
should apply at the Central Police
Headquarters.

The disappearance of a foki,
coincident with the theft, it is
alleged, of a quantity of jewellery,
valued at \$183, is reported by a
goldsmith at No. 137, Park Street,
Yau-mat. The police are investi-
gating the matter.

Pleading guilty to a charge of
carrying a chicken suspended by
the wings a Chinese was fined \$5
with the alternative of eight days'
imprisonment in default by Mr.
T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning.

The birthday of Siri Guroo Nank
Dev Ji is to be celebrated
at the Sikh Temple on Saturday,
the 16th instant. Heads of depart-
ments and private firms have been
requested to grant a holiday on the
day to their Sikh employees.

Mr. W. M. Gittins was fined \$5
by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning
for allowing his dog to be abroad
without a muzzle. It was intimat-
ed that there were other similar
summonses pending against the
defendant.

A Chinese who was caught at-
tempting to "fish" a jacket from a
hut in Nanking Street by means
of a long pole was sentenced to six
weeks' hard labour by Mr. T. S.
Whyte Smith at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning on a
charge of larceny.

Remanded from last Thursday
on charges of being in possession
of documents relating to the Triad
Society, two Chinese who appeared
before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at
the Kowloon Magistracy this mor-
ning were again remanded for one
week, the charges being altered to
being members of a Triad Society.

Defended by Mr. A. E. Hall, an
Indian watchman was charged
before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at
the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, with failing to produce
his book for endorsement on being
employed as a watchman. The
case was remanded for one week
for evidence of the defendant's
employment at a knitting factory
to be called.

POLICE SERGEANT'S SAD DEATH.

SERG. PROBERT PASSES AT
KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

A gloom has been cast over the
European Police Force of the
Colony to-day, by the death of a
popular officer in the person of
Sgt. Frank Douglas Probert,
which occurred under very sad
circumstances at the Kowloon
Hospital early this morning.

Sergeant Probert, who only re-
turned from leave with his
young wife on September 15th,
was suddenly taken ill with diabetes,
two days ago. He was rushed to the
hospital in a critical condition, and
failed to survive the crisis.

The deceased was 29 years of
age, and joined the Hongkong
Police Force on September 29th,
1924, after serving with the
Grenadier Guards for seven years.
He was a Lewis gunner and signal-
ler, and during his five years with
the Police Force was stationed at
Lok Ma Chau, in the New Terri-
tory. His birth place was Dodge-
ley, North Wales.

The funeral will take place at
Happy Valley at 5 p.m. to-day,
and will be attended by many of
his old comrades.

Trials, My Home in Tennessee.
They didn't believe me, A Little Bit
of Heaven. When Irish Eyes
Smiling, Kitty, Kitty Gilbert the
Filbert—one could continue the
list indefinitely. A word many
played on Monday were old
favourites but—"I've seen diamonds
in Amsterdam" and "I do like to
be beside the sea" were surely
pretty well defunct long before the
War! And one of the tunes
nobody seemed to have heard of!
The writer had a good deal to do
with the 1st Somerset in the early
war days and feels sure that some
of the 4th Division favourites
would meet with a good reception.

The Very Idea!

The following notice was read
by the curate in a small church:
"Would the member of the con-
gregation who wrote in a hymn-
book last Sunday, '20s, each way
on Pennycomequick for the St.
Leger, kindly remove the page, as
the vicar found it most mislead-
ing."

[A horse-cab driver summoned
for assault declared that a motor
driver had jeered at the cab driver's
horse.]

The man who jeers the patient
steed
Has fallen very low indeed.
The tyres of such a wretch accurst
Should simultaneously burst!
His timing should be quite upset
or

Water invade his carburettor;
His oil and petrol should run out
With ne'er a garage round about.
Should simultaneously burst!
His timing should be quite upset
or

For faults of every sort and kind,
And on his journeying the road
With nuts and gadgets should be
strowed.

His radiator, too, should freeze.
In winter and his pistons seize,
And cranking-up be no avail.
What time his batteries shall fail.
Yea, every evil that can be
Should come to such an one as he.
Till 'mid the mirth we can't re-
strain

A steed shall tow him home
again,
Tortured at last with deep remorse
For having mocked the noble
horse.

The peoples of the world are in
advance of their Governments in
respect of disarmament.—Lord
Ceil.

We are combatants in a battle
which is not yet decided.—Dean
Inge.

The only set of religious concep-
tions available for common use is
a set in which no one can any longer
believe.—The Rev. J. C. Har-
wick.

I am not a gentleman myself.
I am far beyond that.—Mr. Ber-
nard Shaw.

It is a little astonishing that it
should be so much safer at the
present day, to kill a man with a
motor-car than with any other in-
strument.—Mr. Robert Lynd.

Man to Tower Bridge magis-
trate: I ask you not to fine me
as I have no money and I don't
want to approach the wife. You
know!

The dock is part of his Majesty's
prison.—The Recorder, Sir E. Wild,
at the Old Bailey.

Clerk at Highgate: Yours is
unskilled work. Labourer: Yes,
if you know nothing about it.

Woman at Southend: A person
who was telling my husband's for-
tune said a dark man would come
between us. And a dark man did
come—a policeman with the sum-
mons I took out for a separation
order.

The schoolmaster was explain-
ing to his class of small boys the
nature of vulgar fractions.

"Now boys, listen," he said.
"If I take a potato, cut it in half,
then in quarters, and then in hal-
ves again, what shall I have?"

"Chips, sir," was the immediate
response of a perky youngster
with dishevelled hair.

WHO WAS...

HUBERT?

When the war in France was
temporarily at an end, King
John brought with him to
England a little prince named
Arthur, under the pretext of
extending to him his protec-
tion.

Actually, however, Prince
Arthur had some claim to the
throne of England, and the
brutal king, determined to rid
himself of any menace in this
direction, handed him over to
one Hubert with the instruc-
tion that he should put out the
little fellow's eyes.

Hubert summoned two as-
sistants and heated the irons
in order to carry out the royal
command, but Arthur pleaded
so eloquently and so piteously
for his sight that Hubert was
moved to pity, and hid the
child from view, informing
the king that the deed had
been performed.

Rebellious barons, suspicious
about the fate of the little
prince, made his supposed
death a further excuse for
revolt, whereupon King John
hunted, vigorously denying
that he had given orders for
the crime. Hubert countered
by informing him that
Arthur was still alive, but
unfortunately the boy had
jumped from the castle in the
meantime, and was found life-
less on the ground.

The scene with the red-hot
irons in Shakespeare's play
"King John" is one of the most
famous in all dramatic litera-
ture.

FURTHER LOCAL ESTATES.**LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED.****SERVANTS BENEFIT.**

Local estate to the value of \$43,300 was left by Mrs. Kilsom el Arculli, late of No. 163, Wongnei-chong Road, Happy Valley, who died intestate on December 29, 1928. Letters of administration have been granted to the eldest daughter, Ray Hill el Arculli. Mr. F. M. Arculli (son), Kuma el Arculli and Rahima el Arculli (daughters) have renounced their claims and titles to the administration of the estate.

Mr. Alexander Walters Barclay, formerly engineer on board the s.s. Kutsung, who died at Glasgow on August 20, 1927, left Hongkong estate worth \$7,500. The late Mr. Barclay was of No. 56, Grant Street, Greenwich, and in his will he bequeathed everything to his father, Mr. James Barclay, residing at the address given. Re-sealing of Testamentary has been granted to Mr. Robert Barclay, chief engineer, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

Sums ranging from \$30 to \$250 were bequeathed to servants by the late Mrs. Kathleen Rose, otherwise known as Mrs. Katherine Moore, late of Grosvenor Hotel, North Parade, Bath, who died on April 10, this year, leaving \$82,300 local estate. Re-sealing of probate has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is the attorney for the executor, Mr. Austin Michael King, of London.

Ng Ping-wu, alias Ng Ting-shang, late of No. 48 Kowloon Tong, who died intestate on July 18, 1928, left Hongkong estate worth \$48,300. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, To Yuk-kam, living at Kowloon Tong.

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.**RULES FOR UNIVERSITY DISPLAY.**

Regarding the second annual exhibition of the Hongkong University Amateur Photograph Club, we are asked to state that it will be open to all amateur photographers in the Colony and abroad.

The exhibition print must be taken by the exhibitor himself. In case of any dispute, he will be asked to furnish data in this respect. The development and finishing of the print may be done by any developing and printing firm in town.

Mounts together with the print, smaller than 15" x 12" but not smaller than 10" x 8" will be accepted for the exhibition.

As to Press photographs, local customs and commercial practices, the following rules are issued:

Exhibition prints in this section must not be smaller than 10" x 8", 6 1/2" x 4 1/2", or 16 cm. x 12 cm.

Prints must be printed on glossy or semi-glossy photographic papers. Glazing of the print is to be preferred.

Each print must show plainly its object or "tell its story" and must be accompanied by as few explanatory words as possible.

Prints must be sharp and full of detail and of good contrast.

The prints will be judged in order of importance for (a) its interest, the story it tells; (b) its technical excellence; (c) its artistic value.

DEFENCE FORCES IN PALESTINE.**INTERESTING STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT.**

London, Nov. 13.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Mr. W. Lunn, Under Secretary for the Colonies, said the withdrawal of the special armoured forces formerly maintained in the Jewish colonies in Palestine for the purpose of defence was carried out gradually over a period of some five years prior to the late disturbances.

The armoured forces were withdrawn as communications improved, and the mobility of the regular security forces of the country increased.

At the time of the outbreak, some sixteen or seventeen colonies still retained rifles. The question of the protection of the colonies was being reviewed by the High Commissioner in the light of recent events.

The military garrison of Palestine and Trans-Jordan at present consisted of the 2nd and 3rd Squadrons of the Royal Air Force, five sections of armoured cars, two infantry battalions, and the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force of four companies.

Two hundred additional British police had been engaged for a period of one year in the first instance.—British Wireless.

LULL REPORTED ON WAR FRONT.**KUOMINCHUN NOW FACING FOOD PROBLEM.****TROOPS MAY GO OVER.**

Shanghai, Nov. 13.

After the Nanking troops' occupation of Mianhsien, a complete lull prevailed along the Honan fronts on Tuesday and Wednesday.

There has been no significant change in the tactics of either side, except that the Nanking forces have abandoned the defensive and are now taking up the offensive.

A number of minor clashes in other sectors seems to favour the Nanking troops, and judging by the movements of the Nanking army Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is desirous of dispatching his best units to capture Tienfeng.

The Nanking forces are approaching Tienfeng from two directions, but up to late yesterday no report of any serious fighting at Tienfeng had been reported.

The Kuominchun troops under General Sun Liang-sing are facing the serious problem of providing foodstuffs for the tens of thousands of troops inside Tienfeng, but as the Nanking troops are surrounding the city communication with other Kuominchun forces is not possible.

Official circles in Nanking express the opinion that it is quite possible the Kuominchun forces at Tienfeng may agree to turn over to the Central Government.

General Kat Hung-chang, a Kuominchun Divisional Commander controlling Tungkuwan, and two other Kuominchun Divisional Commanders, Generals Pong Ping-hsun and Liu Yu-min, are said to have sent personal envoys to interview the Nanking Commanders at Changchow. The exact terms suggested by the Kuominchun leaders are not known.

STOLE OIL AND WASTE.**GOVERNMENT LAUNCH MEN SENTENCED.**

A stoker and an engineer of the Sanitary Department launch No. 1 were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, with larceny of two tins of lubricating oil and a sack of cotton waste.

Two engineers of private launches were charged before his Worship with receiving the oil and waste, knowing it to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The first defendant admitted the charge of larceny, but the others all denied their respective charges. One of the men charged with receiving intimated that he had engaged a solicitor.

Detective Sergeant Poyntz said that shortly after 10 o'clock last night a seaman was on duty on the launch and saw the second defendant hand the oil and waste from the engine room to the first defendant, who then placed it on board a sampan. The goods were then taken to the last two defendants and disposed of.

A report was made to the police and the four defendants were arrested.

Mr. W. Chittenden, of the Yau-mai Slipway, intimated that the first defendant, who had only been in the service for two months, had probably acted under the influence of the second defendant.

The first defendant was fined \$10 or 14 days while the second was fined \$25 or three weeks' hard labour. The other two defendants were remanded till to-morrow morning.

FALSE TRADE MARKS.**APPLICATION FOR SEIZURE OF CHOLERA MIXTURE.**

An application for the forfeiture of a quantity of cholera mixture which was seized some time ago was made by Mr. H. C. Lee before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning. The medicine was found at No. 20-22, Jordan Road and was alleged to have borne false trade marks of the manufacturers, who according issued a summons against the tenant of the house.

The man failed to answer the summons, and a warrant for his arrest was subsequently issued.

This morning, Mr. Lee asked that the goods seized be forfeited to defray the costs of the prosecution and after formal evidence his Worship intimated that an advertisement would have to be inserted in two well-known Chinese papers requesting persons objecting to the order to send in their claims within fourteen days.

The application was accordingly remanded until the expiry of the necessary time.

KWANGTUNG LINES INSPECTED.**ENGINEERS FINISH SURVEY OF RAILWAYS.****RETURN TO NANKING.**

Canton, Nov. 14.

The party of technical experts, recently sent down to Canton from the Ministry of Railways at Nanking to inspect the railways in Kwangtung generally and especially the Canton-Hankow line with a view to pushing on the scheme of completing the whole line, left here and returned to the North yesterday.

The party included three engineers and one foreign expert who returned to the capital a few days earlier. In an interview with Mr. Wang Kin-chih, one of the engineers, he stated that the party had generally inspected the three lines in the province, namely the Canton-Samsui Railway, the Canton-Hankow Railway and the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Immediately on their arrival at Nanking they will make a detailed report of their inspection to the Government as a preliminary to further improvements on these three lines.—Nam Chung Po.

MEN AS DICTATORS OF COLOUR.**COUNCIL FORMED TO GUIDE MANUFACTURERS.**

At a gathering in London recently, composed entirely of men arrayed in drab clothes, with not a single joyous note of colour even in their ties, the British Colour Council was born.

Its main object will be to act as a guide and adviser to manufacturers and dyers throughout the country on the trend of fashion in colours, so that it should be possible for a woman to secure without trouble the whole of her outfit, from her shoes to her hat, in harmonious tones.

Practically all sections of industry likely to be affected by fashion in colour, from the boot and shoe trade to house decoration, were represented, but the women, whose tastes the new Council are to cater for chiefly, were absent.

Lord Ebury, who presided, said that other countries had their colour organisations, and it was important, in these days of rationalisation, that they should have some effective body for the determination, co-ordination, and propagation of colour tendencies. Mr. E. H. Symonds, Managing Director of Revell's, Limited, said the Council would suggest the basic tones for each season and from those tones every manufacturer would be able to produce whatever range of sub-tones he might desire.

Colour was the greatest trade stimulator of the present century. It was the predominating single factor of fashion and was the main part of the big stepping-stone to a new era of prosperity for British Textiles.

Mr. Holbrook Jackson pointed out that there was no co-ordination among manufacturers and dyers. He illustrated his point by one colour—"Mary Blue"—which leapt into fame immediately after Princess Mary's wedding. He found in the West End no fewer than 17 different shades of

blue, but every one was called "Mary Blue."

A provisional committee was formed, with Lord Ebury as chairman.

NANKING TROOPS MUTINY.**ATTEMPT MADE TO ARREST THEIR GENERAL.****THREE OTHERS SHOT.**

Shanghai, Nov. 13.

Nanking troops belonging to the 62nd Division at Changteh, a flourishing city in northern Hunan, mutinied last Saturday and attempted to overthrow their Divisional Commander, General Wu Sheng.

General Wu Sheng has for some time past co-operated with and supported General Ho Chien, the Military Governor of Hunan Province.

For reasons which have not been revealed at the moment, General Wu's men made a bold attempt on Saturday to arrest their leader. Fortunately, General Wu Sheng received news of the plot in the nick of time and by making a hasty exit from the city to Yiyang he escaped.

The mutinous soldiers, however, seized two corporals and one Brigade Commander, believed to be trusted subordinates of General Wu Sheng, and assassinated all three.

Following the incident, General Wu Sheng tendered his resignation to Nanking, and it was accepted.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered General Wu Sheng to proceed to Nanking where he will be assigned a post at the Military Headquarters.

The Changteh mutiny is understood to be a purely local affair, having no connexion with the Hunan war.

RUSSIANS IN KENT.**PROPAGANDA AMONG MINERS.**

London, Oct. 10.

Two Russian miners are busy in the Kent coalfield trying to counteract the effect of the recent visit of two Kent miners to Russia.

One of these Russians is Georg Slutsky, described as a member of the Central Committee of the All-Russia Miners' Union. This is the same person as Georg Slutsky, of the Secretariat of the Miners' International Propaganda Committee, from whom two revolutionary letters were found during the Arcos Raid, and printed on pages 9 and 10 of the White Paper subsequently issued.

These letters were addressed to Comrades Aitken and Bob Ellis respectively, and were most revolutionary in tone. They asked what the Minority Movement was doing in the way of securing the election of Communists to the Executive of the Miners' Federation, and also asked for information as to what proposals were to be put before the Miners' Federation conference "by the organisations in which we have influence."

These letters are sufficient, to show that this man is a most important revolutionary, and yet he is at large in this country promoting trouble just at the time when there is the possibility of another miners' crisis.

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SURPRISE FOR THE GOVERNMENT.**AUSTRALIAN LABOURITES AND EMIGRATION.****ASSISTED PASSAGES.**

London, Nov. 13.

In answer to a question in Parliament to-day, Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, the Under-Secretary for the Dominions, stated that a telegram had been received from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia (Mr. Scullin) stating that it had been decided to suspend for the present, the grant of assisted passages to Australia.

He had received no communication on the subject from any of the State Governments, but he would point out that under the arrangements hitherto in force, the grant of assisted passages was a matter for the Commonwealth and not for the State Governments.

Mr. Ponsonby added: "I am satisfied that all parts of the British Empire overseas, are sympathetic to migration from this country, but the respective Governments must necessarily reserve the right to control the movement of assisted emigrants in accordance with local economic conditions."

The question of the suitability of the various parts of the Empire for migration from this country depends on many factors which cannot be discussed within the limits of an answer to a Parliamentary question.—British Wireless.

THE GLORIOUS DEAD.**HONOURED IN SILENCE AT CANTON.**

In proposing the toast of "The Glorious Dead" in the Canton Club, Shamen, on Armistice Day, Mr. W. Galloway said:—Ladies and gentlemen, I have been asked to say a few words on this occasion and I will not keep you long. Time is often measured in groups or periods of a century—a century—a quarter of a century—a decade. Last year we observed the completion of the first decennium since the Armistice—to-day we are entering upon the second. Time is the great healer, but alas it induces forgetfulness and in order to combat this inclination we keep Armistice Day as "Remembrance Day."

The note I wish to strike to-day is one often used by the late Earl Haig of Beerside. The last time I saw him we were standing in the beautiful little churchyard in my native village—Minto—whose small and unpretentious but beautiful War Memorial was solemnly being unveiled by the famous Field Marshal. It was a lovely summer afternoon and the shadows of the clouds were chasing each other across the Border hills and down into the Teviot Valley—a most entrancing setting. Earl Haig's words were "Whilst we are honouring the Dead, do not let us forget the Living." No-one has done more for the wounded and disabled soldier of Britain than the famous Field Marshal who has given his name to the Fund we are supporting to-day.

Now, alas, we mourn him also. I visited his grave little over a year ago. There he lies in Scotland's Holy of Holies—Dryburgh Abbey—alongside Sir Walter Scott, within earshot of the murmur of Silvery Tweed; and close to his own family seat, Beerside. His grave was strewn with Flanders poppies and marked by an old plain wooden cross, taken from the battlefields with the simple superscription:—"D. Haig, 29th January, 1928."

Do not let us forget the living. Let us follow Haig's example. Let us support this Fund to-day—no subscription is too small.

I now wish you all to join with me in drinking a silent toast to those who by sacrificing themselves enabled us to live. Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori. Ladies and gentlemen,—"The Glorious Dead."

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SUSSEX ELECTRICITY PROJECT.**TRANSPORT MINISTER GIVES HIS CONSENT.**

The Minister of Transport has decided to allow the application made by the Central Electricity Board for consent to the erection of an overhead transmission line from Brighton to Hastings, via Eastbourne.

His consent is subject to further consideration being given to the position of the line and its supports to the immediate south-west and south-east of Otham Village, and subject also to the reservation of a power to review the situation at any time after the expiration of a period of five years.

The Mayor of Eastbourne, Lieutenant-Colonel R. V. Gwynne, commenting recently on the Minister's decision, said: "I cannot express my how worried I am to hear that the Minister has come to this decision. It seemed to me that the bulk of the evidence at the Ministry of

Transport inquiry was against allowing the line to be erected. "In addition to spoiling the beauty of the country, the scheme will ruin the rateable value. This part of the world is definitely against the scheme. In my memory it is the most disastrous thing which has ever happened to Sussex."

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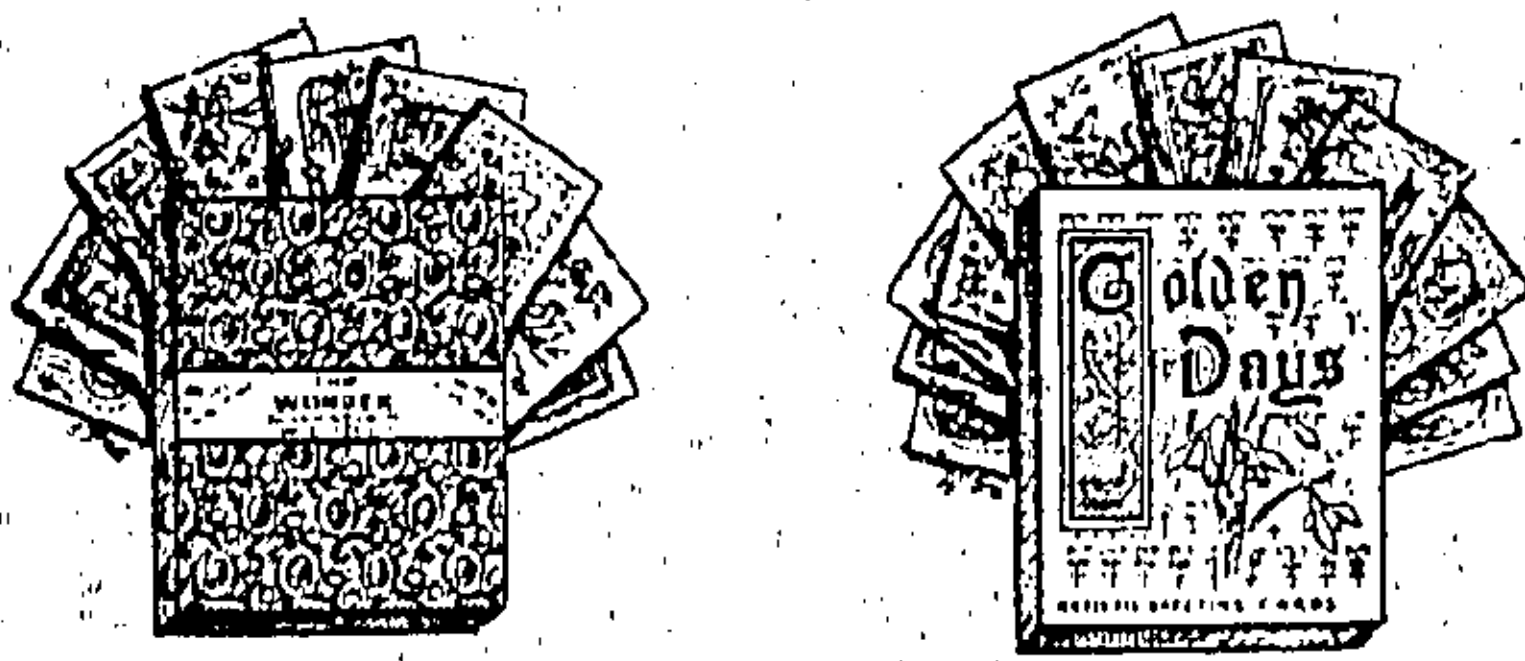


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THE TRADITION OF TIME-WASTING.

The French Touring Club has just offered a series of prizes, to be awarded four years from now, to those post offices, all over France, which are the cleanest and best kept, and arranged in the most practical manner for the service of the public.

The competition is a good idea, and it may do good if it attracts public attention to the amazingly slovenly way in which all public administrative offices are kept in France. It will be necessary, however, to change the whole attitude of the French people towards these things if any really effective change is to be made.

The tradition in all the lower grades of the public service in France—and in many of the higher grades, too—is still that of the peasants who made the Revolution of 1789. The peasant is too mean to pay the full price for anything, including labour, if he can help it, and the Republic continues to have the mentality of the peasant. It will not pay the proper price either for the rent or the upkeep of its offices, for the salaries of its personnel, or even for such necessary supplies as pens, ink, and paper.

The result is that post offices and all other public offices in France, and not less in Paris than elsewhere, are small, inconvenient, ill-ventilated, and ill-kept to a degree which is hardly credible to those who do not know them. They look as if they were never repainted and never even swept, and as if the windows were only cleaned once a year. There is never any blotting paper to be found on the insufficient supply of desks, such pens as can be discovered will never write, and the ink is so economically made with a liberal addition of water to the official supply of black powder that it is painfully anemic. So, indeed, is the staff, whose lives, massed in these conditions, can hardly be healthy. Indeed, the rate of mortality among them is very high.

The Thrifty Letter-Writer.

Some of the disorder is the fault of the public and of its habits, which perhaps date from the Revolution also. If there are places of blotting paper supplied at the beginning of the day they are almost certainly pocketed by thrifty persons, who also reduce their private stationery bill by removing large bundles of telegraph forms to use as scribbling paper. On the other hand, the desks are often occupied for long periods by persons who presumably have no writing materials at home and will not go to the expense of paying for a drink in a cafe, which would entitle them to ask the waiter to be supplied with "de quoi écrire," but prefer to stand for hours in a post-office writing their private correspondence. It is no doubt also a sturdy Revolutionary individualism and contempt for the convenience of others which lead those who write in post offices always to throw down the pens when they leave in such a way that the next comer can hardly escape covering his fingers and the back of his paper with ink.

The peasant influence can be traced in another French administrative tradition, and that is that the longest and most elaborate way must be the right way. This habit descends straight from the "clerk" of the country notaire, whose circumlocutions and multiplication of documents represent, to the peasant mind, all that is most official. As the typewriter remains unknown to most country notaires even to-day, so the time-saving or labour saving device or appliance or method is unknown in French public offices, and notably in post-offices. Time may be money, but, if so, the public must be made to spend as much of that kind of money as possible.

Bank Routine.

Compare the time which is necessary to cash a cheque in a French bank—the long verification of the authenticity of the document and of the existence of a sufficient balance, ending with waiting your turn to be paid by the single cashier behind his barbed-wire entanglement—compare this, I say, with the cashing of a cheque in an English bank. As for cashing a postal order in a post-office, the proofs of identity required make the ceremony at least as complicated.

The lavish extension of the stages to be followed and the forms to be filled up in the accomplishment of any official operation in France belong to a tradition which, if not that of the Revolution itself, is that of the period of the Revolution. It dates from the time when the most abundant and therefore the cheapest thing in France was man-power. The French public service has never abandoned that tradition, although to-day man-power is the one thing in which France is poor.

Three Men for one Job.

The post-offices present endless examples of jobs which are done by three men when they could have been done by one. When you see forms which could easily have been supplied ready printed (being

NOT A WET-DAY REFUGE.

IDEAS FOR BRIGHTENING UP MUSEUMS.

London, Oct. 10.

Museums and art galleries will become a good deal more than a wet-day refuge if the recommendations of the Royal Commission investigating them are adopted, with the slogan brighter and better museums and art galleries.

Domestic life has at last gained recognition and an open air folk museum may record for posterity to marvel at, the breakfast table quarrel, the putting out of the cat and all the other incidents which have hitherto been regarded as unworthy of perpetuity.

Better publicity and advertising is urged and, as a place of entertainment, museums, with their fearsome posters, may rival theatres. It is proposed that the British, Natural History, and Science Museums, and the National, Tate, and Scottish Art Galleries should be open until 8 p.m. on two evenings a week. The development of a system of guide attendants, and the abolition of all fees, and the provision of four new museums are also proposed.

BRIDE'S DREAM.

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London, Oct. 11.

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The curtains were drawn back and disclosed a sleeping bride in a black and white satin slumber suit. Subsequent scenes showed Parisian mannequins gorgeously gowned and bejewelled, while, in the gem scene, a page came in carrying a tray which contained jewels reputedly worth £500,000, including an enormous emerald which belonged to a former King of Saxony.

Another scene displayed bridegrooms' gifts, including £50,000 diamond necklaces. Emeralds, rubies, sapphires, diamonds, and pearls accompanied many gowns, of which the most notable one for the evening was of gilded blue moire with a huge bustle bow. A white gown was composed entirely of long leaves, edged with velvet.

LOCAL RUGBY.

CLUB DEFEATS NAVAL TEAM.

Last evening, the Club "A" team defeated the 8th Destroyer Flotilla in a Rugby match at Happy Valley. The game was a most enjoyable one, victory going to the Club by one goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

In the first half, tries were scored by Massey, Law and Holmes, whilst in the second half Stanion went over for Holmes to convert.

laboriously filled in by hand, when you wait impatiently while a receipt is being cut out of the book with scissors, instead of being torn out along a perforated edge, when you notice that papers which should have been supplied ready-gummed are being slowly smeared with a sticky liquid out of a bottle, and when you observe that registers which will probably never be looked at or checked by any superior authority are being carefully entered up for the smallest transaction, you realise that the "Administration" is still living and moving in an age when both time and human effort could safely be wasted. You can even imagine yourself much further back than the period of the Revolution—back to the time before printing was invented.

This impression is even stronger when you cross the frontier from France to Germany or Switzerland, and you pass through the hands of the numerous staff in the French douane, all carelessly dressed, all with cigarettes at the corners of their lips, all ruling up copy-books by hand, instead of using books previously ruled and printed, and all making six entries to the one which is made by the smartly-uniformed Customs officer in the building across the frontier, ten yards away.

If there is one country which, owing to its shortage in man-power, should adopt every kind of labour and time-saving machinery, every kind of closely economical form of organisation, and which should pay high individual salaries to secure a severely reduced but very efficient staff, it is France. And yet France is the country, which still maintains a numerous staff, badly underpaid and working an absurdly complicated administrative organisation.

CINEMA NOTES.

MORENO-COSTELLO IN "MIDNIGHT TAXI."

Society drama, for the present at least, has lost one of its most polished matinee idols. Antonio has gone over to melodrama.

The handsome star portrays an adventurous bootleg king in "The Midnight Taxi," a Warner Bros' thrill drama which is showing at the Star Theatre to-day for a run of three days.

Antonio Moreno has long been a prime favourite as an ardent love-maker. His appearance opposite Greta Garbo in "The Tompess," Clara Bow in "It," and Constance Talmadge in "The Venus of Venice" are recent instances in which his Spanish fire won him acclaim.

With Helen Costello as the lady of his heart, Moreno's wooing in "The Midnight Taxi" takes a different turn. He is essentially a man of adventure and daring, with a craving for two-fisted action.

The story concerns the operations of a Pacific Coast bootleg ring, and was adapted to the screen by Harvey Gates from a story by Gregory Rogers.

Made Hit in "Alibi."

Chester Morris, featured in Roland West's mystery thriller "Alibi," showing at the Queen's Theatre, was on the verge of giving up his theatrical aspirations when his opportunity came. He had visited the casting offices for months without success when an old friend of his father's, Augustus Thomas, the playwright, got him a small part with Lionel Barrymore in "The Copperhead." In John Golden's "Turn to the Right" at the age of 17, he became the youngest leading man on the American stage.

His first leading role on Broadway was in a short-lived play called "Thunder." After appearing in another unsuccessful piece, he played in stock for two seasons in Mount Vernon and in Providence, R.I. He returned to New York to do a play for Edgar Selwyn—"The Exciters"—at the Times Square Theatre.

George M. Cohan sent Morris out on the road with the "So This is London" company. Practically every state was visited in the 41 weeks' season. Then came a season's work with his family in

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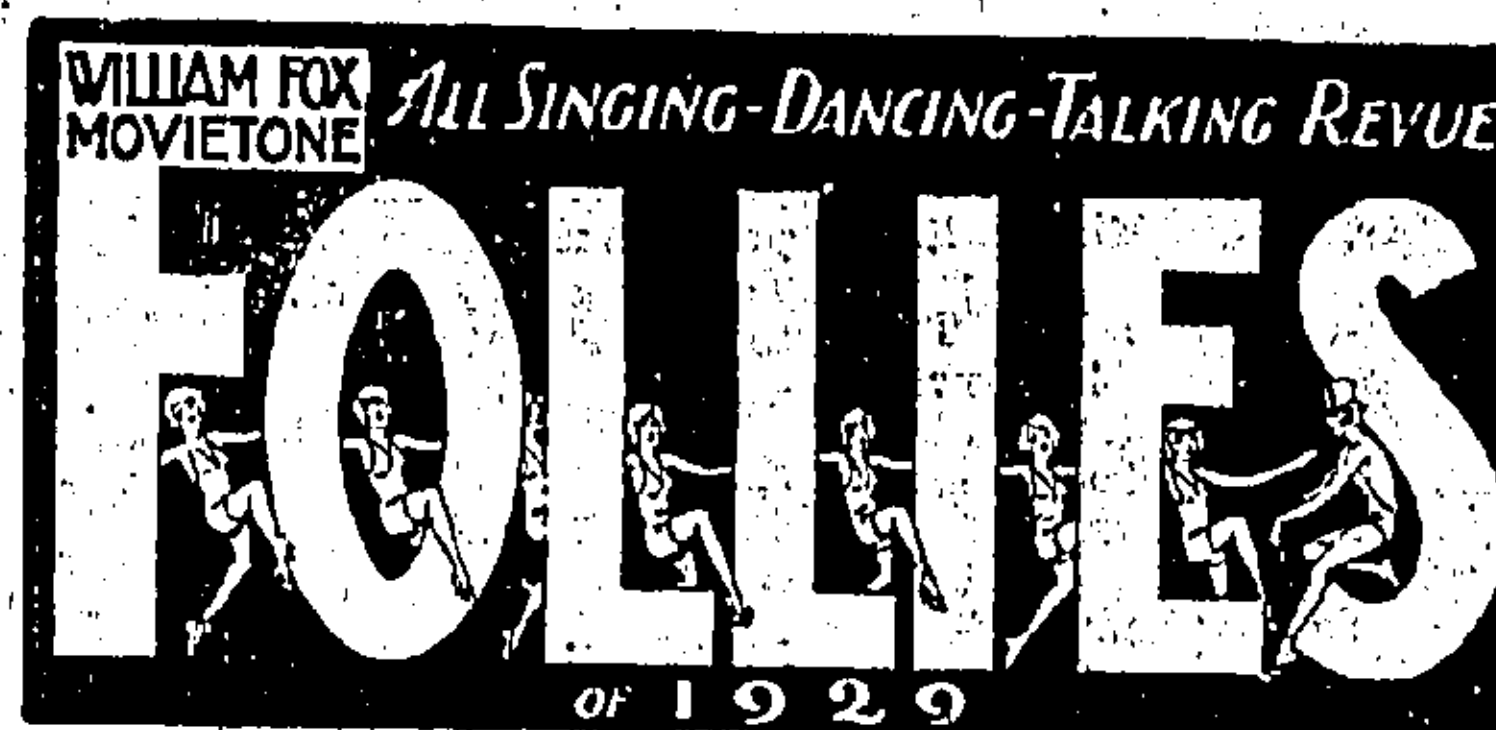
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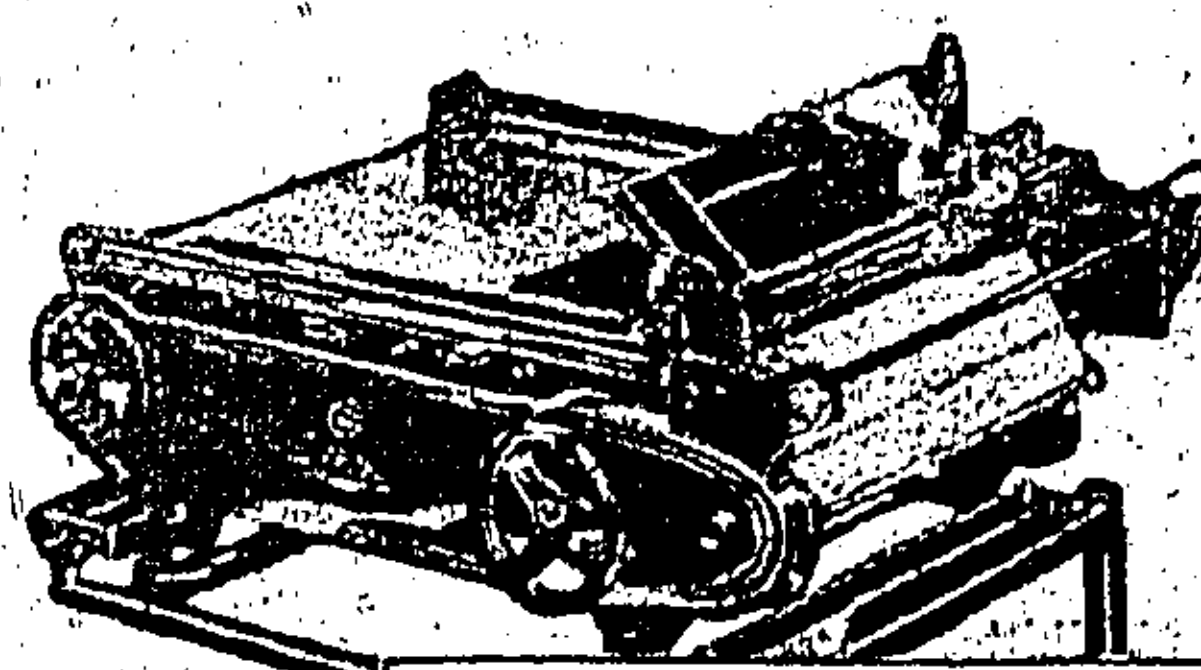
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a one-act playlet, "All the Horrors of Home," written by his father, Morris' big chance arrived when George M. Cohan gave him the juvenile lead in the Broadway production of "The Home Towners," next he triumphed in "Yellow," A. H. Woods' "Crime," and "Whispering Friends." At the conclusion of his engagement in "Fast Life" he went west to play in Roland West's "Alibi."

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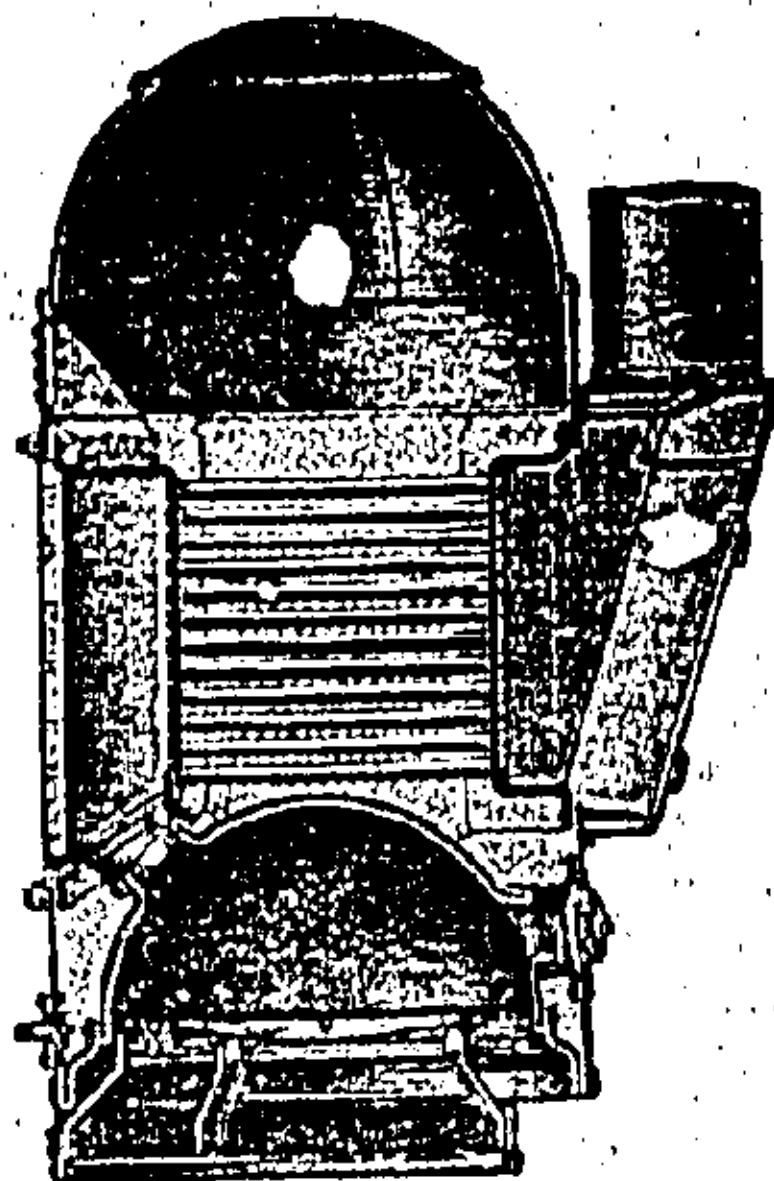
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GARRISON NEWS.**TENNIS DOUBLES AT THE G.O.C.'S RESIDENCE.**

The final of the Hongkong Area Other Ranks tennis doubles championship competition was played on one of the courts at the residence of H.E. Major-General Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., yesterday afternoon. Friendly tennis was indulged in between pairs of Officers and Other Ranks. Major Kerrick, R.E., and Captain de Linde, R.E., beat B. S. M. Manley, and Serjt. Kingland, R.A., by 7-5, 6-4; whilst Condr. Paver, R.A.O.C., and Sapper Sablin, R.E., defeated Captain Serjt. L.A.S.C., and Captain Cameron, Cameron Highlanders, by 6-2, 6-2.

The final of the doubles resulted in a win for S. M. Atkinson and Serjt. Trumper, R.E., by 6-2, 6-5, against L/Opl. Everett and Bsmn. Bridgeman, K.O.S.B. In the first set, Atkinson and Trumper scored 31 points to their opponents 20, and the second set gave the former 41 points against 33.

Everest and Bridgeman put up a good show, but were beaten mostly by lack of experience and steadiness, added to which they had had no tennis for a fortnight owing to being in camp. Atkinson played a good steady game, and his judgment was excellent. Trumper was a little rash at times in hitting, but made few mistakes in the overhead shots.

The Prizes.

At the conclusion of the match, Major-General Sandilands presented the various trophies and prizes, not only for the Other Ranks Singles and Doubles Championships, but also the Challenge Shield for the Hongkong Garrison. The latter, which was presented in 1919 by Major Buck, R.E., has been won eight times since by teams from the Royal Engineers.

This year's team came from the Engineers, and was composed of Major Tosh, Lieut. Martin, Serjt. Trumper, Serjt. Palmer, Cpl. Penny, and Sapper Sablin. Each received a medal in commemoration of his win.

The Doubles Cup, first competed for in 1921, has been won four times by Engineers pairs, and as there were no matches in 1925 and 1928, they have more than a good average. The Cup was won by today's finalists; who, together with the runners-up, were given a pewter mug for personal possession.

Serjt. Trumper, who defeated S/Serjt. Hardy, R.A.O.C., in the final of the Other Ranks Singles on Tuesday, received the Singles Cup, and the runner-up was presented with a pewter smoker's box.

In presenting the prizes, General Sandilands remarked that he was very pleased to see his guests there, and that, before the war, it was comparatively unknown for soldiers to play tennis. Nowadays, however, every one appeared to play, and to enjoy it thoroughly, whilst in addition to the pleasure of the game much fitness was obtained from the exercise.

After tea, which was served on the lawn, more doubles friendly matches were played, in which General Sandilands, with Major Herbert, R.A.P.C., as his partner, beat S/Serjt. Ward, R.A.O.C., and Serjt. Ward, R.A.P.C., by 6-1, 6-4. Another match, which had to be left unfinished at one set all, was between Major Kerrick and Captain de Linde, R.E., against S/Serjt. Hardy, R.A.O.C., and Serjt. Rump, R.A.M.F.

Football.

In a match played at Sun Wai camp between "C" Company and "B" Company, K.O.S.B., on Tuesday, the former, who are just ahead of "B" Company in the League Table, won by two goals to one. "C" won the toss, and elected to kick with the wind, and after about 20 minutes of end-to-end play, "B" Company drew first blood with a shot by Cook, which Hughes reached but could not hold.

This score seemed to liven both teams somewhat, and "C" went for the other end fully determined to draw level, which they did through McGovern, just before half-time. Both sides tried for the lead on the resumption, and but for Reeves, "C" would have got through more than once. End-to-end play was the order, and it appeared that both sides would have to be content with a single goal. Willis, after a scramble in front of goal, scored five minutes before the end.

For the winners, McGovern, McDougall, Kidd and McKnight worked very hard, whilst Reeves, Alexander and Spalding played well for "B" Company. Teams: "C" Company—Hughes; Lough, Innes; McKnight, Kidd, Docherty; Cook, McGovern, Davey, McDougall, Willis.

"B" Company—Westland; McLaughlan, Reeves; Spalding, Coleman, Aitken; Wylie, Anderson, Greaves, Cook, Mills.

Naval Game.

In a match played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, between teams from H.M.S. Bruce and H.M.S. Magnolia, the former ran out winners by three goals to two. Potts and Pearson scored for Bruce in the first half, whilst Armstrong got two for Magnolia in the second half. Gillett putting on the final goal for Bruce. Teams: Bruce—Noakes; Smith, Miller, Kendrick, Thompson, Palmer; Hawes, Pearson, Kirkby, Potts, Gillett. Magnolia—Humphrey; Mellitt, Smith; Lehane, Thompson, Sempie; Lowden, Parsons, Armstrong, Thorp, Strange.

Next Week's Navy Matches.

In Division II of the China Fleet Football League, the following matches have been arranged for next week: Monday, Stormcloud v Thracian, and Bruce v Seraph; Wednesday, Seraph v Sirdar, and Magnolia v Tamar; Thursday, Marazion v Soppo, and Bruce v Somme.

All the foregoing matches are to be played at Happy Valley, the kick-off being at 4.30 p.m. in each case.

Hockey.

In a hockey match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, Hermes beat Sirdar by three goals to nil. Killenback scored all three goals for Hermes, the last being a beautiful

INTERPORT TENNIS.**SOME FURTHER DETAILS. NOW AVAILABLE.**

In connexion with next week's Interport lawn tennis, the following have already been chosen to represent Hongkong:

M. W. Lo, to play in the first singles; H. D. and S. A. Bumjahn to play in the first doubles.

This means that the above players will meet Shanghai's best singles and doubles exponents, respectively.

Matches will be in five sessions, played on four days, with, in all, 10 matches in each session (ten matches in all, five men's and five ladies'). These will be as follows:

Wednesday (November 20), Thursday and Friday, on the H.K.C.C. ground, the first match commencing at 3 p.m.; Sunday (November 24) on the H.K.C.C. ground, one morning session of two matches, the first commencing at 10 a.m., and one afternoon session, the first match starting at 3 p.m. The ladies' events will be played first in every case.

The present stands on the H.K.C.C. ground will be retained, and will be marked off, the seats being numbered. Booking of reserved seats will be at the rate of \$1 each, while unreserved seats will be available at 50 cents. During the series of games, the Shanghai players will be accommodated at the Peninsula Hotel.

run through from mid-field.

Cricket.

In a cricket match yesterday, the Quartermen of the Berwick beat the 'Tops' from the same ship by 22 runs, the former obtaining 92 runs, although Sangwell took seven wickets for 24 runs. Moore, not out, was the highest scorer for the Quartermen, with 37, whilst Lowington obtained 29 for the 'Tops' out of his side's total of 70.

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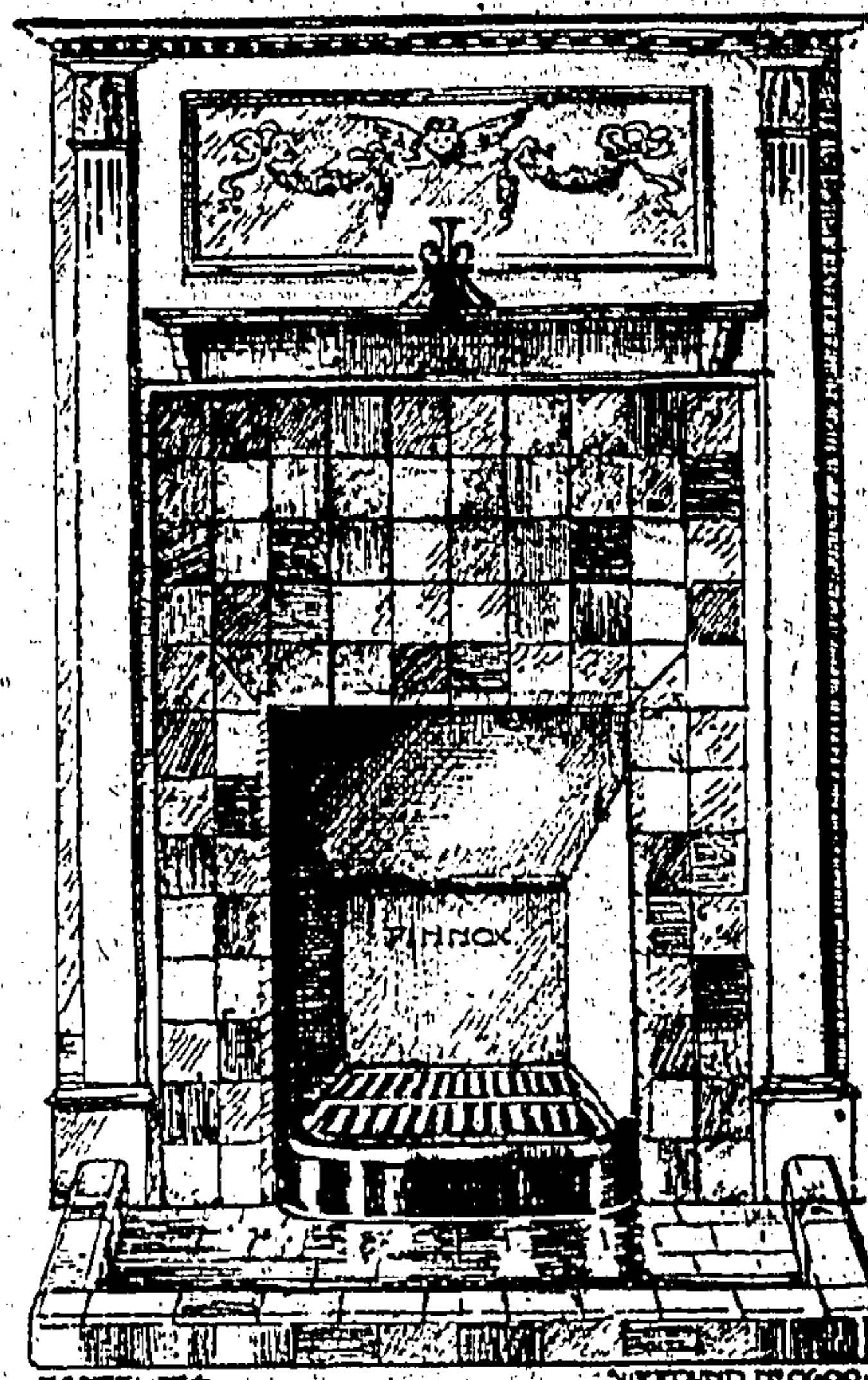
After a keenly contested first half, the Hongkong Club so completely outplayed the Somerset at the U.S.C.C. yesterday that they won in very easy style by four clear goals.

The hockey did not reach a very high standard, but what the teams lacked in finesse they atoned for by keenness, and the exchanges were always fast, and quite interesting. The soldiers really had the best of matters in the opening half, but the forwards made several bad blunders near goal, and allowed the tenacious Club defenders clear some awkward situations. After the change over, the visitors improved considerably, and there was always something definite in their attack.

Skipp led the "vanners" well, and was full of opportunism, whilst T. J. Price on the right wing, was always good enough to show a clean pair of heels to his opponents. He was, in fact, one of the most dangerous of the Club forwards, whose chief weakness was over-eagerness, which cost them many offside decisions.

The Club half backs were sound both in their constructive and defensive policies, whilst Woodward was the better of the two backs. Gregory in goal was not forward, whose chief weakness was over-eagerness, which cost them many offside decisions. The Somerset were well served by Davis and Martin, their defenders in the first half, but they cracked under the strain later in the game, and were eventually pretty well run off their feet. Major Philby played a very fine game in the pivotal position, and worked like a Trojan all through. He tried hard to pull his forwards together, but they resorted to too much individualism, and paid the penalty. Liery, Beer also put in some good work at right half, but it was chiefly defensive.

A blank first half, was followed by Skipp converting Price's centre, five minutes after the restart, and then Francis added a second shortly after, with a nice shot from the left wing. Price was chiefly instrumental for the third point, the player breaking away in fine style, and sending across to Skipp, who could not miss. At this point the light was getting very bad, and when it was almost too dark to see, Skipp added a fourth and final with the Somerset goalkeeper away from his charge.

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LEAGUE SOCCER.

RESULTS OF THE SECOND DIVISION MATCHES.

Some interesting, if partly one-sided, play was seen in the second division football league matches yesterday. Results at a glance:
K.O.S.B. 4, R.A. 0
Somerset 6, R.A.M.C. 0
K.O.S.B. v R.A.

The Gunners fielded nine men only throughout the game with the K.O.S.B. at Sookunpo and went down by four clear goals.

From the kick-off, Cook went straight through to give the K.O.S.B. the lead. Free kick to the Gunners was cleared by Spence and Gort shot over the bar. The Gunners were greatly handicapped and were mainly on the defensive. The K.O.S.B. forwards failed to penetrate the R.A. defence again before the interval.

Half-time, K.O.S.B. 1, R.A. 0. Resuming, the K.O.S.B. set up a strong attack, but Crawley missed close in. Malby, the Gunners goalie, was penalised for carrying, but McKnight shot over the bar. From a pass by Cook, Rhodes scored with a fast cross shot.

Taylor got through for the Gunners and MacDougall was forced to concede a corner in stopping a fast grounder. The R.A. got in a couple of shots but MacDougall cleared. Stevens scored from close range giving the K.O.S.B. a three goals lead. The R.A. forced a corner but Schofield was wide with his shot. Before the final whistle sounded Stevens again beat Malby. Result—K.O.S.B. 4, R.A. 0.

Somerset v R.A.M.C.

This match was played, after a late start, on the Chatham Road ground. The Medicals managed to hold their opponents in check for a considerable portion of the opening half and were only one goal in arrears at the interval.

The Somersets took complete control after the change of ends, and, aided by a strong wind, proceeded to pile up five more points. Early again demonstrated his ability as a marksman by doing the but tick.

The opening exchanges were keen and fairly even, although McGowan was often called upon to save from the nippy Somerset forwards. Some of his saves were really brilliant and it was no fault of his when Hicks opened the scoring with a beautiful drive from twelve yards out.

The Medical forwards proved quite unequal to the task of attacking in the face of the stiff breeze and were kept penned in their own half almost entirely during the second half. After McGowan had excelled with a glorious save at the expense of a corner, Denning set his head to the net. Play was very one sided from now on, and Early took advantage of the gradual weakening of the Medical defence to pile on three goals in quick succession.

Just before the final whistle Fritchard handled in the penalty area and Mead scored from the spot kick with a well placed drive. Result, Somerset 6, R.A.M.C. 0.

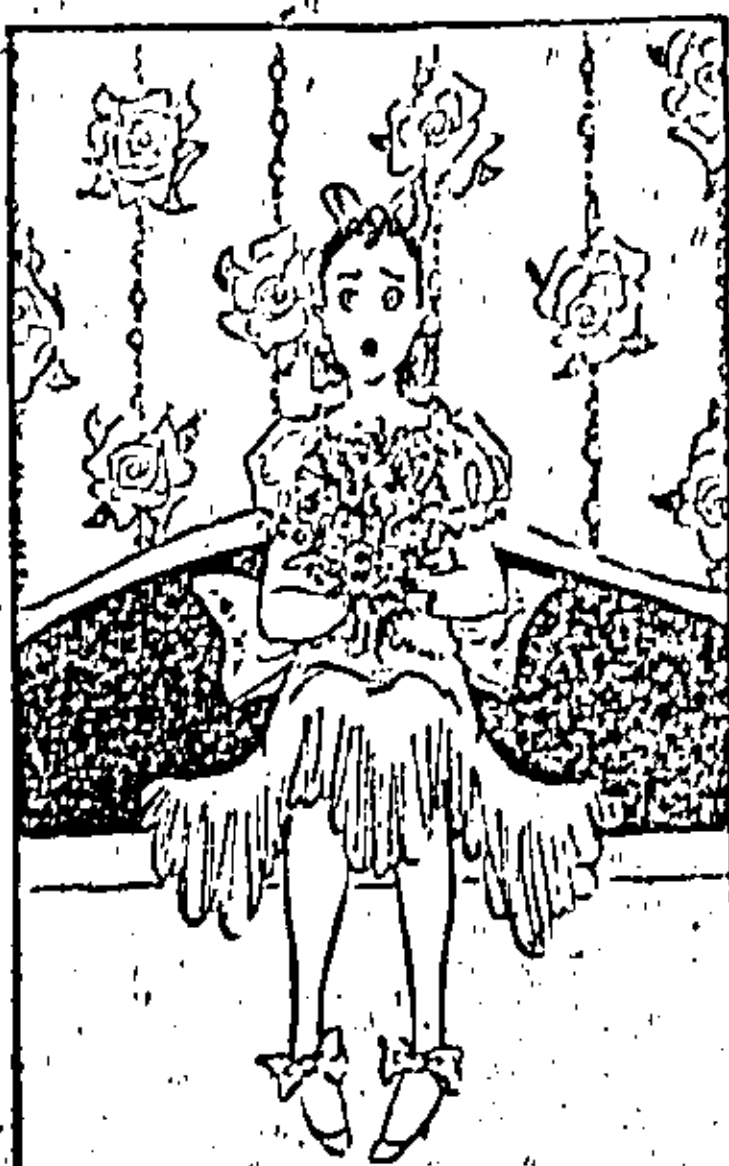
CRICKETER GUEST.

MR. LAL SINGH AT INDIAN R. C. YESTERDAY.

The Sikh community were hosts at a tea-party given to Mr. Lal Singh, of the Malaya interport cricket team, at the Indian Recreation Club yesterday afternoon, when opportunity was also taken to present this young cricketer with a souvenir of his visit to Hongkong. Sardar Sahib Mohinder Singh, A.S.P., was in the chair, supported by Mr. Bishan Singh, among the guests being Khan Sahib Nawab Khan, A.S.P., and Messrs. Sirdar Khan and A.S.A. Jansen.

In introducing Mr. Lal Singh to the gathering, the chairman dwelt on the fact that it was the first time that a Sikh was selected to play in representative cricket, and exhorted his younger listeners to follow the example of their compatriot in the field of sport. He said that Mr. Lal Singh was only in his teens, which meant that he had a great many years before him to gain greater distinction in the cricket world. He concluded by hoping that in a few years he would see at least one member of the community in the Hongkong side.

Mr. Lal Singh thanked the chairman for the kind thought which prompted the holding of the party and the gift that had been presented to him. He said that he would treasure the gift, which would always remind him of the good time he had in Hongkong and the many kind words shown him by everybody he met here.



It's a blooming shame that so few people pick a wall-flower.

PARSON'S FATAL MISTAKE.

AIMEE MACPHERSON'S MOTHER.

Seattle, Oct. 8.

"You cannot kiss and tell," said Judge Ronald, dismissing a suit brought by Rev. Harry Clark against "Ma" Kennedy, mother of Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, the evangelist.

Clark, who is 50, claimed \$10,000 from Mrs. Kennedy (herself an evangelist), who, he alleged, betrayed him and then refused to marry him, after a whirlwind courtship in Seattle a year ago.

The judge dismissed the case after six days of sensational evidence.

Clark swore that Mrs. Kennedy invited him into her hotel room, and, after telling him he was slow and old-fashioned, seduced him under a promise of marriage. Later, her affection cooled.

Clark claimed damages on the ground that he had lost his self-respect. He had literally been forced to sell his Bible, and could not again make his living as a Christian minister.

The judge decided that Clark had made a fatal error in writing of his alleged relationship with "Ma" Kennedy to the latter's secretary. "Mrs. Kennedy was quite justified in refusing to marry him after reading this offensive epistle sent to a third party," said Judge Ronald, who did not call upon the defendant to enter the witness-box. She had promised to deny the scandalous charges.

BLAME FOR RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

THE "HUMAN ELEMENT."

Reports of Ministry of Transport inspectors on three railway accidents have just been issued.

In a buffer collision at Waverley Station, Edinburgh, L.N.E.R., on July 26, when nine passengers complained of shock or injury, Lieut. Colonel E. P. Anderson, the inspector, concluded that the driver was responsible as he failed to make himself familiar with the braking details.

A signalman's mistake was held to be responsible for an accident at Ardwick Junction, Manchester, on July 19, when an express train from Hastings to Manchester standing at a signal was run into by a light engine.

Colonel A. C. Trench states in his report that there must "always be risk of human failure in busy signal boxes controlling two or more lines in each direction especially at junctions."

Any apparatus which tended to reduce such risks by reducing the mental strain on the signalman must be advantageous, he added.

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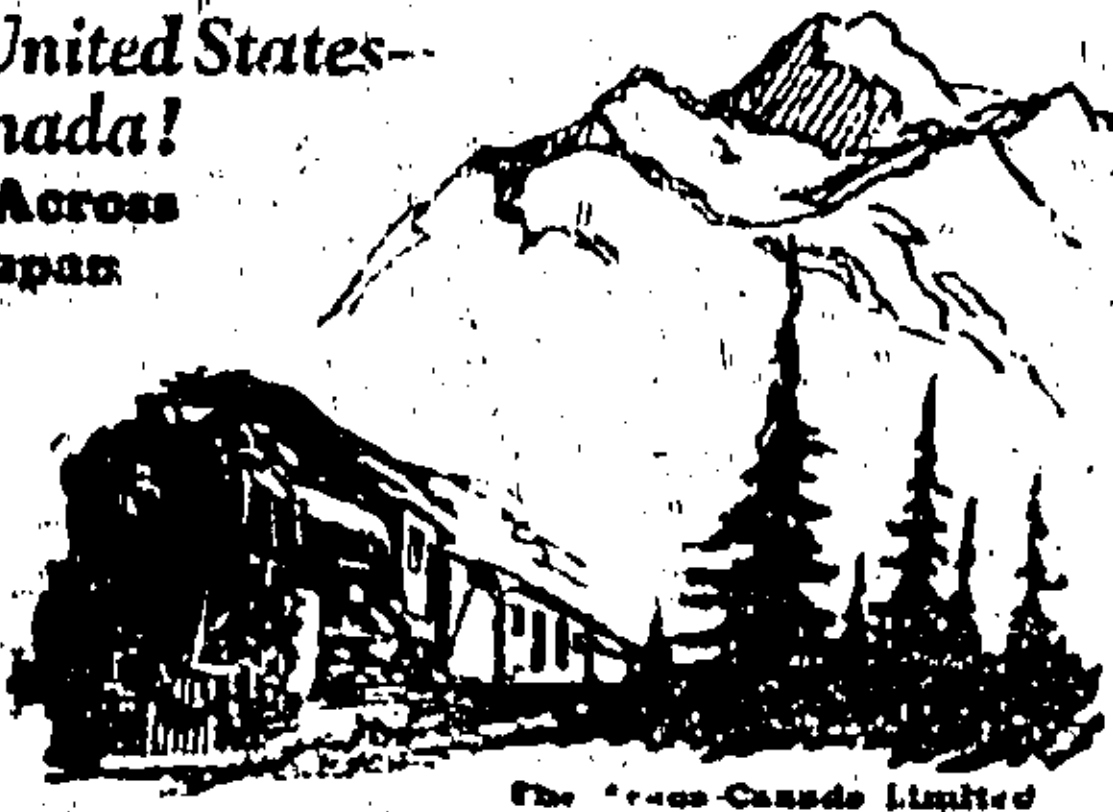
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"Deep River," "I'm Goin' to Tell God All O' My Troubles," Paul Robeson, Bass.
"A High Silk Hat and a Walking Cane," "Mountains Ain't no Place for Bad Men," Frank Crumit.
"On the Road to Mandalay," "Morning," Associated Glee Clubs of America.
"(a) Git on Board, Lil' Chillin," (b) Dere's no Hidin' Place," (c) Oh! Rock Me, Julie," (d) Oh! Didn't it rain," Paul Robeson, Bass.
"Russian Inn-Medley of Waltzes," "Russian Bazaar-Medley of Waltzes," Kiriloff's Balalaika Orchestra.
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CANTON CURRENCY.

RECOINAGE OF OLD MONEY BEING CONSIDERED.

Although a large number of the old and defaced coins minted in 1923 and 1928 have been collected and recoined during the last few months by the local Mint, many such coins are still found to be in circulation, says the Canton Gazette.

In view of the fact that old and defaced coins are always an inconvenience to the public and may form an obstacle in the way towards stabilizing the currency, the Commissioner of Finance recently held a conference with the members of the General Chamber of Commerce discussing means by which all old and defaced coins could be collected and reminted in order that a standard currency could be introduced.

It is reported that plans for collecting the coins are now under consideration and that the local Government may make arrangements with the General Chamber of Commerce allowing the public to send in old and defaced coins for recoinage at the Mint free of charge.

EMPIRE COMMERCE.

SCHEME TO OBTAIN PROPER CO-ORDINATION.

London, Nov. 13.
In view of the forthcoming Imperial Conference in 1930, an arrangement has been reached between the Association of British Chambers of Commerce and Federation of British Industries, and the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, representing the commercial, industrial and shipping interests of Britain, to form a British Preparatory Committee, to consider the general question of Empire commercial policy with the object of co-ordinating, as far as possible the views of the business community of the United Kingdom and of presenting to the Government their joint recommendations.—British Wireless.

POLICE CANTEN.

GENERAL STORES FOR CANTON FORCE.

In order to benefit its staff and officers, the Bureau of Public Safety is reported to have recently made preparations for organizing a General Stores to cater to police members.

The following rules have been suggested to govern the formation of the Canteen:

1. A Preparatory Office for the Canteen is to be established by order of the Head of the Bureau.
2. An officer to be appointed by Head of the Bureau to take charge of the work for organizing the Canteen.

3. A staff to be appointed by the Bureau for conducting the Canteen.
4. A number of book-keepers to be engaged and books for keeping the accounts of the Canteen to be provided.

5. None of the staff except the book-keepers will draw any salary but remuneration on a small scale may be given.

6. The Stores to be established at No. 390, Waiwan Road, next to the premises of the Bureau.
7. The amount of expenditure of the Preparatory Office to be paid out from funds set aside for this purpose.

8. The Stores are to supply the requirements of police members at prices to be kept as low as possible to reduce living costs.—Canton Gazette.

RAILWAY INCIDENT.

STORY OF ATTEMPT ON CHAN MING-SHU DENIED.

Canton, Nov. 13.
The report contained in the Hongkong papers that a desperate attempt was made against the train conveying Chairman Chan Ming-shu, near the Shikwan station on the Canton-Hankow line a few days ago, is grossly exaggerated. Our correspondent is officially informed to-day that no incident of any kind happened to the Chairman either on his journey to or return from Shikwan, on Sunday last.

But on Monday night, a rail was loosened on the section below Ying-tak, probably done by bandits, as such happenings are not uncommon, but the rail was soon repaired and no damage of any sort beyond this was suffered by the line. In the opinion of official circles, there was absolutely no political connexion in this incident with the Chairman.—Canton News Agency.

NEW ELIXIR OF LIFE.

REMARKABLE CLAIM BY SIR JAGADIS BOSE.

Calcutta, Oct. 9.
Sir Jagadis Bose, the well-known scientist, claims to have discovered a new elixir of life. Sir Jagadis is concluding experiments with a hitherto unknown drug from a Himalayan plant which promises to conquer death. The revival of dead frogs was followed by injections, with complete success, on a woman whose heart had failed so completely as to render ordinary stimulants such as strychnine ineffective. Sir Jagadis Bose claims that his discovery will revolutionise medicine. Details of his discovery will be disclosed in a lecture at the end of November.



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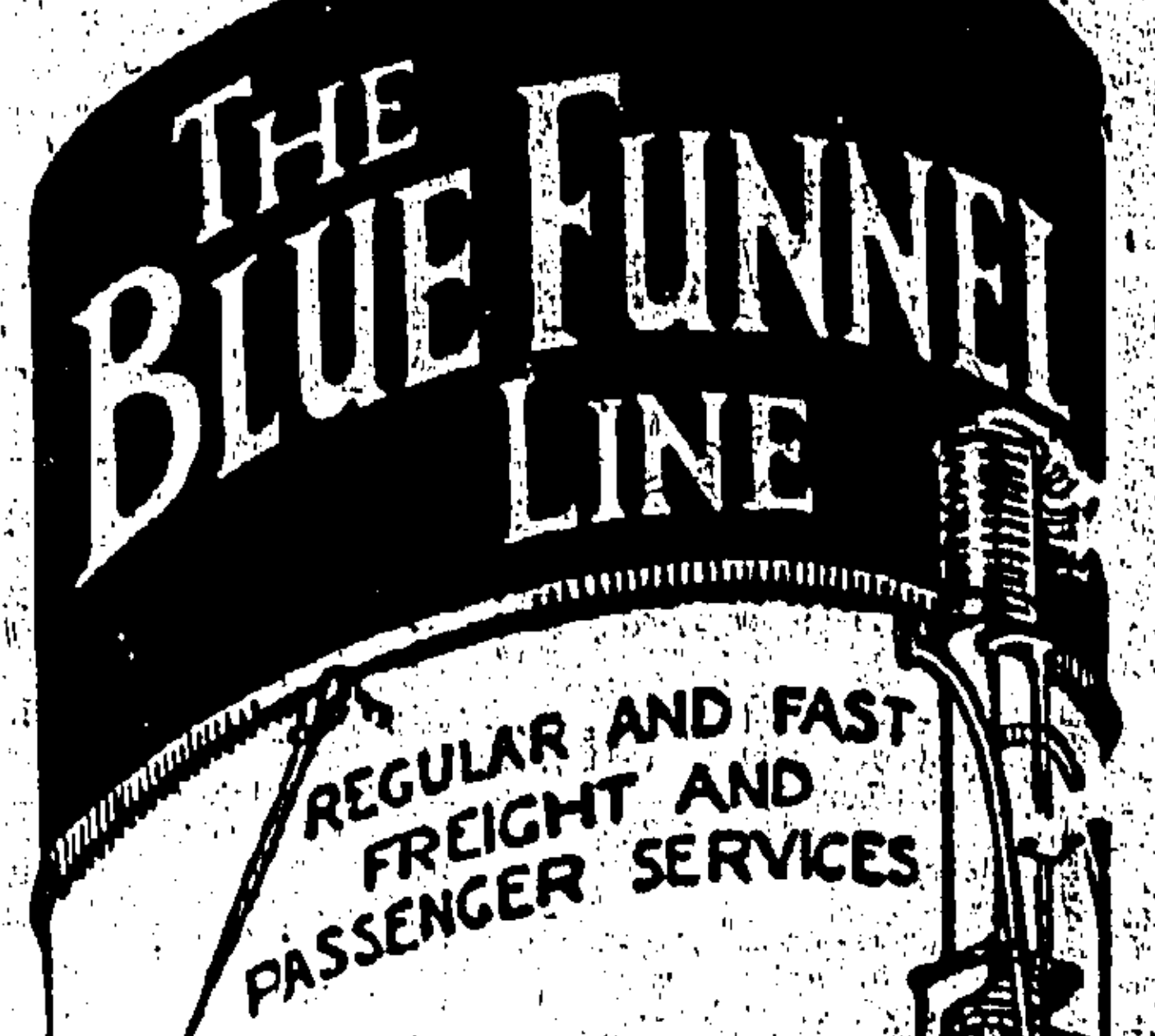
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CHINKIANG LOSSES.

CHINA TO COMPENSATE BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Shanghai, Nov. 13.

For the settlement of outstanding claims of British subjects for losses sustained in Chinkiang in 1927, the Chinese Government has agreed to place \$68,000 at the disposal of two commissioners, who will examine the claims and distribute the amounts.

Any balance remaining after the settlement is to be returned to the Chinese Government.

The two commissioners are Mr. G. A. Combe, one of His Majesty's Consuls General in China, appointed by the British Government, and Mr. T. P. Tai, Superintendent of Customs and ex-Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Chinkiang, appointed by the National Government.—*Reuter*.

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WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

CONSERVATIVES HINDER PASSAGE OF THE BILL.

London, Nov. 13.

The House of Commons only rose at 3.20 this morning, after debating the Widows' Pensions Bill in committee, since four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The closure was frequently applied, but the Conservative opposition, which was aiming at delaying the Government's programme for the session, was given a lot of rope in connexion with its obstructive methods. Hitherto only twenty-four lines of the Bill, embracing less than half the first clause, had been carried. The Bill had already been twenty-seven hours in committee. Ultimately a compromise was reached, the opposition offering to conclude the Bill by November 18 instead of the 20th, as they proposed.—*Reuter*.

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London, Nov. 13.

A German ex-naval captain and a former officer of the British Navy, who met on board a U boat in 1917, and agreed that "war is rotten," will appear together at a meeting in support of the League of Nations Union next Monday, at Reading.

They are Commander Norman Lewis and Captain Ernest Hashagen. Commander Lewis' decoy ship was torpedoed by a U boat commanded by Captain Hashagen. He was picked up by the submarine and kept on board for nineteen days, and treated with courtesy and kindness. When the submarine reached Hellgoland, the two officers shook hands before Commander Lewis was handed over as a prisoner.

They will meet again, for the first time since then, when Captain Hashagen reaches London on Friday. Comdr. Lewis will entertain him and introduce him to naval officers at Pangbourne Naval College.—*British Wireless*.

Gen. Smuts' Tour.

London, Nov. 13.

General Smuts sails for America on December 24, returning to England on January 11.

He will be the guest of the League of Nations Association, and will address a number of meetings, the most important being in New York on January 5, in connexion with the celebration of the tenth birthday of the League of Nations, in which twenty-five national organisations are co-operating.

General Smuts will also visit Washington.—*Reuter*.

GIANT AIRSHIP.

SURVIVES ORDEAL OF SUDDEN CHANGE OF WIND.

London, Nov. 13.

The airship R101, which withstood with complete success winds of hurricane force while moored at the masthead at Cardington on Monday, had a more severe test early yesterday morning, when the wind suddenly veered 135 degrees in about one minute. The great ship, which is over seven hundred feet long and offers a side surface of nearly one acre, had to meet a side force which swung it round over a third of a circle within a very short period of time.

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The wind had been blowing up to sixty-seven miles an hour, in gusts, when it changed suddenly from south-west to north, the average force was approximately thirty-five miles an hour.

The next flight of the R101 is to be on Saturday, when members of both Houses of Parliament will make a five hour flight.—*British Wireless*.

THE CHINA COAST.

RECENT CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain R. H. G. Ashby, China Navigation Co., has gone from reserve to special duty.

Mr. F. A. White, third officer, Anking, is on reserve. Mr. J. H. Rogers has been appointed third officer, Anking.

Captain C. Carrington, of the Kintang, has gone master, Kangding.

Mr. W. T. D. Murphy, second officer, Shantung, has gone second officer, Sunning. Mr. S. S. Marr, from reserve, has gone second officer, Shantung.

Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, Hain Peking, has gone chief officer, Kangding.

Mr. R. Bird, extra second officer, Hain Peking, has gone second officer, Nankin.

Mr. J. G. Grant, extra second officer, Hain Peking, has gone second officer, Soochow. Mr. D. C. Sim, second officer, Soochow, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. D. Bogle, acting chief engineer officer, Hanyang, has gone chief engineer officer, Kiating. Mr. J. A. Duggan, second engineer officer, Shantung, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Hanyang.

Mr. R. Trathen, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Changchow. Mr. R. D. Davis, second engineer officer, Changchow, has gone second engineer officer, Poyang.

Mr. A. Orr, third engineer officer, Kiating, is on reserve.

Mr. K. E. Wilson, third engineer officer, Shantung, is on reserve.

Mr. A. N. Winstone, second engineer officer, Soochow, is on reserve.

Mr. J. J. O'Callaghan, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Shantung. Mr. E. W. Coxon, third engineer officer, Shantung, has gone third engineer officer, Hanyang.—*Shipping and Engineering*.

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DIPLOMATIC CHANGE.

NEW MINISTER TO MEXICO.

New York, Nov. 13.

Mr. Edmund Monson succeeds Sir Esmond Ovey as British Minister to Mexico.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Mr. Edmund Monson has been Minister to Colombia since 1925, having previously been counselor in the Legation at Teheran. He was born in 1883, and entered the Diplomatic Service in 1906.

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ATTRACTIVE PERFORMANCE AT ST. ANDREW'S.

A treat is in store for all those who care to avail themselves of the opportunity on Friday night at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon. A concert, has been arranged to take place at 8.15 p.m. and a number of local artistes, who are all well known for their talent, have promised to take part. It is not often that a show of such excellence and variety is offered to local audiences for a mere fifty cents.

To mention a few of the performers, the Dandy Coons, who have already appeared on the stage at the Cathedral Hall, will occupy the greater part of the programme. They are, in fact, a show in themselves. Mr. Dick Barry is too well known to audiences both in Hongkong and Kowloon to need special mention. His witty songs and stories will add to the humour of the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Cairns, who has done much on the stage, will render vocal selections, which should appeal to music-lovers and others alike. Monologues by Mr. R. Heatherington will also add to the variety of the programme and he should be well worth hearing. Both Mrs. Cairns and Mr. Heatherington have often assisted in amateur concerts locally. It is understood that a duet will be sung by two old hands at the game, but they prefer to remain anonymous for the present.

Tickets are already in circulation, and will also be obtainable at the door. Price of admission is fifty cents and there are a few reserved seats in the front rows at \$1.—*Contributed*.

CHINESE AVIATION.

YUNNAN'S REPRESENTATIVE IN HONGKONG.

In an interview with the Press at the Great Eastern Hotel yesterday evening, Mr. Liu Fui-chuen, the superintendent of the Yunnan Government Aviation Department, expressed optimism as to the early inauguration of civil aviation communication between Yunnan, Canton and Shanghai, and added that he recently visited Nanking to confer on the matter of connecting Yunnan with other parts of China with Mr. Sun Fo, the Minister of the Railways.

Mr. Liu believes that in about six months the first flight from Yunnan to Canton and Shanghai may be started.

The Yunnan Government recently purchased a number of planes, including the "Golden Steed" and the "Kwan Lun", and it was only about a week ago that Mr. Liu flew from Yunnan to Canton and then to Wuchow on the "Golden Steed". It was the intention of the Yunnan authorities to develop civil aviation, and it is with this end in view that Mr. Liu visited Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

In answering to a query, the representative of the Yunnan Aviation Department announced that the Nanking authorities hope to make the China Aviation Company, which will manage the various civil aviation communications and interests in China proper, a purely Chinese concern with Chinese capital.

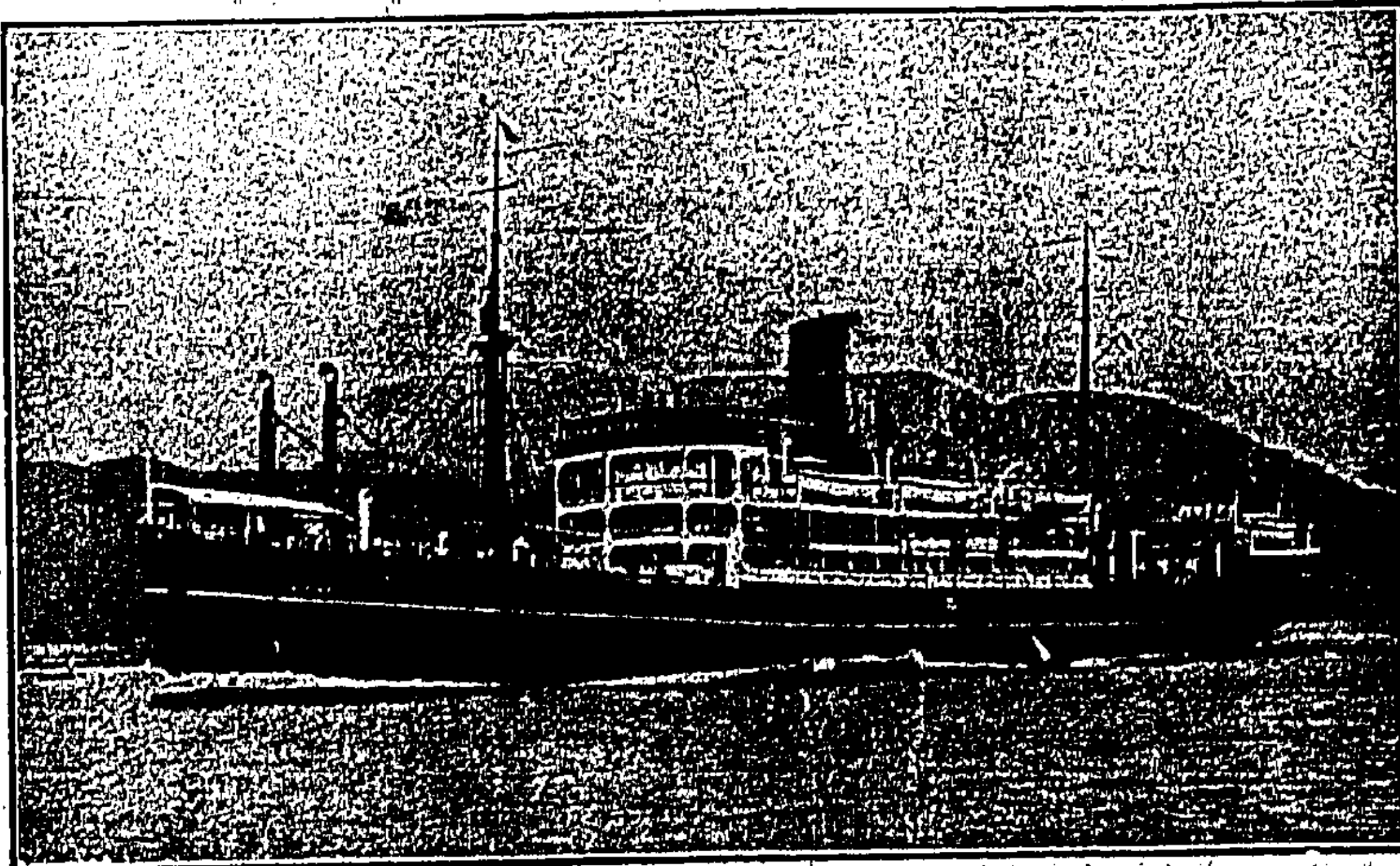
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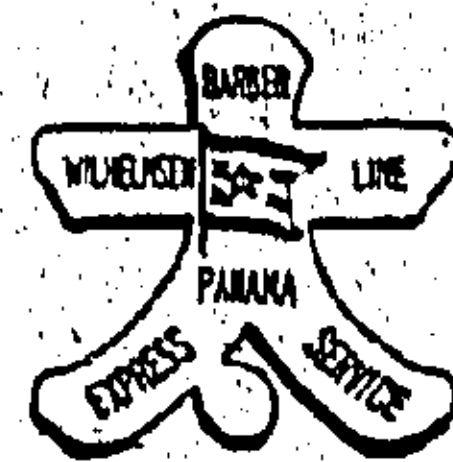


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FISHING FLEET IN FURIOUS GALE.

DISASTROUS LOSSES IN THE NORTH SEA.

EAST ANGLIA HAVOC.

London, Nov. 13.
The severe gale which swept Great Britain, the Channel and the North Sea on Monday, created fearful havoc among a huge British fishing fleet. It has just been revealed.

An announcement to this effect was made by Mr. William Adamson, the Secretary for Scotland, in the House of Commons this afternoon. He said he was grieved to have to announce a disaster off the East Anglian coast on Monday afternoon to the Scottish fishing fleet.

The fleet left in the early hours of the morning before the gale warning reached the Skipper, and proceeded to the fishing grounds where they shot their nets at about one o'clock in the afternoon. A gale of great fury swept the fleet soon afterwards with the result that two drifters were sunk and three lives were lost.

In addition, some two hundred vessels from Lowestoft lost 11,000 nets and 400 vessels from Yarmouth lost twenty thousand nets. The present value of the nets was about £90,000 and the cost of their replacement would be about £150,000.—British Wireless.

DISASTROUS CANTON BLAZE.

BUILDINGS DESTROYED ON HONAM ISLAND.

Canton, Nov. 14.
A disastrous fire broke out near the Canton Cement Works on Honam Island yesterday, resulting in the destruction of numerous buildings and heavy damage to others.

The fire broke out near the eastern part of the Cement Works, and it soon assumed alarming proportions, necessitating the calling out of all the fire-fighting forces both of Honam and Canton. Fortunately, the Cement Works were not damaged.

The outbreak was quelled at about 10 p.m., and although the full extent of the damage is not known it is obviously very heavy. There were no casualties.—Nam Chung Po.

STORM BREWING IN BELGIUM.

COALITION GOVERNMENT MAY BREAK UP.

Brussels, Nov. 14.
The Government, which is a coalition of Liberals and Catholics, is heading for disaster on the issue which the Premier, M. Jaspar, upon his election five months ago, declared was an essential task of the new Legislature, namely—the language question.

The Premier accepted the contention of the Catholics that Ghent must become an essentially Flemish University, but the Liberals oppose the proposition in tones leaving little doubt of an imminent break-up of the coalition, with small prospect of an alternative Government at present visible as the Socialists are the second largest party but far short of a bare majority.—Reuter.

NAVAL CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS.

INFORMAL ANGLO-JAPANESE CONVERSATIONS.

London, Nov. 13.
The Prime Minister and the Japanese Ambassador have begun a series of informal talks with the idea of reaching an agreement on the important naval subjects which appear on the agenda of the Five-Power Conference to be held in London in January.

It is anticipated that the Japanese delegates to the Conference will number about fifty. The Japanese Ambassador is also conferring with the French and Italian Ambassadors.—Reuter.

BRITAIN & IRAK.

NEW TREATY AFTER LEAGUE ADMISSION.

London, Nov. 13.
In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Lunn, Under Secretary for the Colonies, announced the intention of the Government to negotiate a new Treaty with the Government of Irak which should come into force when Irak had been admitted to the League of Nations.—British Wireless.

OWEN HUGHES HITS A CENTURY.

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either boundary over the head of the clips, and put 250 up. The exact score was 252, Hongkong being 104 on with two wickets to fall.

At 254, Bostock-Hill resumed at the Supreme Court end, and Owen Hughes reached eighty as the result of a mishap at his wickets by Lal Singh. He had been in for two hours.

Reid was given out leg before to Bostock-Hill. It was an obvious error. He had scored six runs only but he assisted in a partnership which put on 37 runs in 35 minutes.—261-9-6.

Jansen almost got Owen Hughes with successive balls, both of which narrowly missed his off stump. A third ball of a similarly dangerous kind went for four byes.

Owen Hughes' Century.

Owen Hughes reached 90 and put 270 up by plying Bostock-Hill to the leg boundary. Another four, a square cut, brought the score to 274, the highest total of the Interport series, Hongkong's 272 against Shanghai being the previous best.

Bowler smacked Jansen to the leg boundary, making his first score. The total was 278, exactly 100 runs having been added in 95 minutes.

Owen Hughes reached his century amid resounding applause. The stroke was a two shot off Lal Singh following a boundary hit off the same bowler, and it seemed more like a leg bye.

Smith went on in an attempt to finish off the innings. Bowker sent up an easy catch to Jansen and was dropped!

Two hundred and ninety went up after 250 minutes. 112 in 100 minutes this morning.

At 299, Hopkins came on at the Supreme Court end. Bowker hit to the boundary, 300 appearing after 255 minutes all told.

Fine Innings Ends.

This was the last score however, Owen Hughes being bowled by Lal Singh. He had made 108 runs in 155 minutes. His partnership with Bowker put on 42 in half an hour. In the course of the morning he scored 79 runs in 110 minutes, without giving a chance, scoring with remarkable freedom at certain periods, but being always careful to pick out the right ball to hit.

It was a magnificent effort and puts a second Hongkong victory among the list of "stone certainties." Bowker had scored eleven only, hitting out in the last couple of overs. With a score of 303, Hongkong were 155 runs on.

Malaya were to have five minutes' play before light, but light rain began to fall and the match was adjourned.

HOW YOUNG MAN'S IDENTITY WILL BE REVEALED.

A well-dressed young man, who was arrested in Bowes Park Wesleyan Church was charged at Enfield with stealing boxing gloves and books from the Institute adjoining the church.

He refused to give his name and address, but said that he would do so if the Magistrates would authorise a plain clothes officer to go with him, when he would show him where he lived.

Sir Henry Bowles (chairman) declined to enter into any bargain, and said, "If we keep you long enough you will be posted as missing, and then we shall find out all about you."

The young man was remanded in custody.

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PREMIER.

MR. PATRICK DUFF RECEIVES APPOINTMENT.

London, Nov. 13.
The Premier has appointed Mr. Patrick Duff to be his principal Private Secretary in succession to Sir Robert Vansittart, who has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office.—British Wireless.

U. S. WAR SECRETARY.

GRAVE CONDITION AFTER OPERATION.

Washington, Nov. 13.
The Secretary for War, Mr. James W. Good, has been operated on for appendicitis. His condition is extremely serious.—Reuter's American Service.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over North Japan, and fresh monsoon will prevail along the E.E. Coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is, "N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, probably some drizzle or light rain."

KIDNAPPED MAN RETURNS.

MYSTERIOUS SEQUEL TO A TIENTSIN CRIME.

NO EXPLANATION.

Tientsin, Nov. 13.

Mr. Aaron Brenner, who was the victim of a daring kidnapping outrage last Thursday evening, returned to his residence this morning in a highly nervous condition. He was unable to make any coherent statement regarding either the kidnapping or his release.

It is stated that last night the kidnapers reduced their ransom to \$50,000, but Mr. Brenner's brother denies that any money was paid over to the gang responsible for the outrage.

Up to the present, no explanation of Mr. Brenner's release has been forthcoming.

The circumstances of the kidnapping of Mr. Brenner, who is a partner in the fur firm of Brenner Brothers, of Tientsin and New York, are still indefinite. The first intimation of the attack was in the shape of a letter handed in to the Kiessling Cafe stating that Mr. Brenner had been kidnapped. Written in the victim's own handwriting, the letter stated that a ransom of half a million dollars was demanded. The letter also outlined the arrangements for the payment of the ransom.

Later, the ransom was reduced to \$300,000, the name of the person to whom it was to be paid being mentioned in another communication. A Russian woman was arrested on suspicion, it being believed that the gang responsible for the outrage consisted of well-dressed Russians who have recently been operating in Russia and Harbin.

The American Consular officers co-operated with the Police both in the Concession and the Special Areas in an endeavour to locate Mr. Brenner.—Reuter.

REPARATIONS BANK SCHEME.

COMMITTEE NOW REACHES A DECISION.

Baden-Baden, Nov. 13.

The committee formed by the five creditor powers to organise the International Settlements Bank under the Young reparations plan has signed an agreement.

The document will now go to Brussels for signature by the chief Belgian delegates, who have already left the conference.

It will be recalled that last weekend, after deliberating for five weeks, the committee reached a decision that the headquarters of the Bank shall be in Switzerland, at Basle. The decision was arrived at in the absence of the Belgian representatives, who wanted Brussels to be its headquarters.

Sir Charles Adair and Mr. W. E. Layton represented Great Britain on the committee, the president of which was Mr. J. E. Reynolds, president of the First National Bank, New York.—Reuter.

ROBBERY SEQUEL.

FOUR MEN NOW UNDER ARREST.

The arrest of three suspects, in addition to the man who was apprehended immediately after the affair, has been reported by the police as resulting from investigations carried out in connexion with the attempted robbery of a cattle-dealer at Mataukok Road, on Tuesday morning.

Four men took part in the crime, and the interesting feature is recalled that, singlehanded, the would-be victim turned the tables on the robbers, forcing them to flee and seizing one man in a chase that ensued. This man was handed over to Inspector Phillips, who happened to be near at hand.

All four men appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning and were formally remanded for one week for further enquiries.

MINING SITUATION IMPROVES.

DEFINITE PROGRESS MADE IN DISCUSSIONS.

London, Nov. 13.

It is stated that definite progress was made in yesterday's discussions between the Cabinet Coal Committee and the Executive of the Miners' Federation, enabling the Government to proceed immediately with the first Bill relating to working hours and the marketing of coal.

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